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LONDON DOCKER RECEPTION.

AMUSING FLOUR BATTLE.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Jan. 5.
In London to-day there are three "reformers" who will probably examine prospective audiences a little more critically in future before venturing to foist their opinions upon them.
They ventured into Dockland this morning, ostensibly active, interesting themselves in the grievances of the Thames lightermen who are now on strike, and attempted to persuade a crowd of dockers to "down tools" in sympathy with the strikers.
From the outset, it should have been evident to the three men, who are believed to be Communists, that their audience was distinctly unsympathetic.

Flour and Ochre.

Their initial efforts to address the crowd resulted in booing and hissing and when the agitators persisted in their attempt to hold a meeting, the dockers, who had apparently had experience of such gentlemen before, drew bags of flour and ochre from their pockets and pelted the speakers.

Police as Savours.

For a few minutes indescribable confusion reigned, the air was thick with clouds of flour etc., the agitators were in danger of being seriously hurt, apart from the damage to their clothing. Finally, they had to be rescued by the police.

DAWN ROUND-UP IN BOMBAY.

CONGRESS LEADERS SOUGHT.

Bombay, Jan. 6.

The rounding up of the leaders of the India National Congress started this morning at 4.30 a.m.

The police have been moving swiftly from place to place in the city making arrests under the special Ordinances promulgated by the Government of India.

Among the earliest captures was Mr. V. J. Patel, the ex-President of the Legislative Assembly, and a brother of Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel, the imprisoned President of Congress.—Reuter.

LABOUR LEADERS GRAVELY ILL.

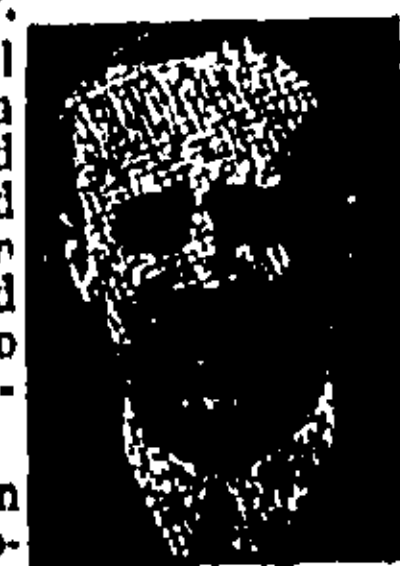
**MR. GRAHAM AND DR.
MARION PHILLIPS.**

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Jan. 5.
The condition of Mr. William Graham, President of the Board of Trade in the last Labour Government, and one of the most brilliant of the Labour leaders, is giving rise to considerable anxiety.

He has been ill with pneumonia for some days and it is now stated that the infection has spread and developed into double pneumonia.

Dr. Marion Phillips, ex-Labour M.P. for Sunderland, the chief woman organizer of the Labour Party, is also critically ill, following an operation.



FRANCE MAKES GERMANY AN OFFER.



The Young Plan Advisory Committee, who reported a fortnight ago that Germany would be unable to pay the conditional annuities in July, are shown above in conference at Basle. Members on the right are (from right to left): Sir Walter Layton (Britain), M. Francqui (Belgium), Prof. Beneduce (Italy), Dr. Walter Stewart (U.S.A.), Dr. Mehlhorn and Count von Krosigk (Germany).

PEAK FILM FIRE SEQUEL.

WHEN DOES A PRIVATE PARTY BECOMES PUBLIC?

An important legal point involving the definition of a place for "public entertainment" arose in a series of summonses brought against the Pathe Orient Co., Ltd., before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court morning in connexion with the recent fire at the residence of Mr. A. G. Langston, of 287, The Peak where a party of children were being entertained by a cinematograph performance.

Seven summonses were taken out by Mr. Fitzhenry, of the Fire Brigade, against Mr. J. Landolt, manager of the Pathe Orient Co., Ltd., who were accused of (1) not having a distributor's permit, (2) storing 296 reels of film in a place other than a certified strong room, (3) failing to notify in writing to the Inspector General of Police the names, descriptions and addresses of the persons making application to hold a cinematograph display and the character of the entertainment for which such premises were proposed to be used and locality of such premises and the general nature of the proposed building, (4) failing to abstain from any act pending to cause fire, (5) failing to have boxes of fire-resisting material for the projection apparatus, (6) keeping eight reels of film in a place other than a certified room and (7) failing to keep readily available for use sufficient means of dealing with fire.

Not "Public Entertainment."

Mr. H. L. Dennis appeared for the defendant company and submitted that the last five summonses, all of which referred to 287, The Peak, must fail. He said they had been brought under the Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to places of public entertainment. Under that Ordinance "public entertainment" meant "any entertainment to which the general public are admitted with or without payment for admission."

Continuing, Mr. Dennis said that in the present case Mr. Langston, of the Hongkong Electric Company, gave a small entertainment at his own house at 287, The Peak on December 23. To provide that entertainment he went to the Pathe Orient and hired a machine from them to give the display in his own house. He also asked for an operator who was sent up. "I submit," said Mr. Dennis, "that an Englishman's house is his castle and not a place of public entertainment."

Mr. Landolt, proceeded Mr. Dennis, had never been to the house and in fact was not at the time. He had no knowledge of the mishap, and could not be held responsible.

Within the Regulations.

Mr. Fitzhenry submitted that the Interpretation Ordinance definitely classed a cinematograph performance as an entertainment and, therefore, places where a cinematograph show was held came within the Regulations. His Worship pointed out that

"public entertainment" was defined as an entertainment to which the general public were admitted with or without payment for admission.
Mr. Fitzhenry:—Would those present not be a section of the public? They are members of the general public.
Mr. Dennis said that if Mr. Fitzhenry were correct, if anybody had a Baby Pathe camera and took movies which were shown in his own house, to his family, he would have to take out a licence. It was a common thing in the Colony for amateurs to take their own moving pictures.

Public Present.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe said it would appear that there were members of the public present at the performance, not merely members of the family. If a man owned a Baby Pathe and showed the films to his own family, that was purely a private entertainment. In the present case, the entertainment was one to which members of the general public were admitted free. He took that it they went by invitation, but they were still members of the general public.
Continuing, Mr. Wolfe said he presumed those at the party were all friends of Mr. Langston. There were amnhs and various other per-

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AUSTRALIA WIN THE RUBBER.

VINCENT'S BRAVE BATTING.

S. AFRICA GET 225.

Melbourne, Jan. 6.
Australia won the Third Test Match by 169 runs, thus winning the rubber.

South Africa were dismissed for 225, the last three wickets falling quickly this morning for an addition of 27 runs.
Twenty-four of to-day's runs were scored by Vincent.

The final scores were:
Australia: 198 and 554.
South Africa: 358.

Second Innings.

Curnow, b Grimmett	9
Mitchell, c and b Grimmett	49
Christy, c Oldfield, b Ironmonger	63
Taylor, b Grimmett	39
Morkell, b Ironmonger	13
Cameron, l.b.w. b Ironmonger	13
Viljoen, b Ironmonger	2
C. L. Vincent, c Ponsford, b Grimmett	34
McMillan, c Wall, b Grimmett	1
Quinn not out	0
Bell, b Grimmett	0
Extras	15
Total	225

The wickets were shared by Grimmett and Ironmonger as follows:
O. M. R. W.
Grimmett 40 14 92 6
Ironmonger 42 18 34 4

POLISH WEDDING TRAGEDY.

BRIDAL COUPLE DROWNED.

FATEFUL SLEIGH RACE.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Warsaw, Jan. 5.
Terrible tragedy terminated the celebrations following a wedding in a village near Vilna to-day.

In the midst of the jollifications, the younger members of the party organised a sleigh race across a frozen lake. The bride and bridegroom were members of the opposing "teams."

Ice Breaks!

The race was in full progress when the ice suddenly broke under two of the sleighs, throwing the seven passengers into the icy water.

Villagers who were quickly on the scene, were able to rescue five of the victims, but the couple who had just been married were drowned.

BRIGHT BURMA PROSPECTS.

CONFERENCE SOON ENDING.

London, Jan. 6.

In contrast to the deadlock throughout the India Round Table Conference proceedings, the Burma Round Table is moving forward full speed.

There is every promise of a harmonious termination within a few days.—Reuter.

London, Jan. 5.

The Burma delegates sitting in committee to-day concluded consideration of their report. The Session will be held on Friday and, if necessary, will be continued on Monday.

As at present arranged, the Prime Minister will make a statement on the Government's policy regarding Burma on Tuesday.—British Wireless.

CANTON MURDER.

INCIDENT REPORTED SETTLED.

Canton, Jan. 6.

According to the Daily Sun, the killing of a Japanese visitor to Canton by a mob of coolies of New Year's Eve has been amicably settled upon an expression of regret by the Major.

Ching Tien-ku to Consul General Suma. It is understood that compensation is to be made to the relatives of the deceased in the body which has been lying at the municipal hospital was handed over by the Japanese authorities yesterday.

Moratorium Until July, 1934.

Seeks Delay in Conference.

AN IMPORTANT EXCEPTION.

Paris, Jan. 5.

Important developments in the reparations situation may arise from a meeting to-day between M. Flandin, the French Finance Minister, and Herr Leopold von Hoesch, the German Ambassador.

France is anxious to secure a postponement of the reparations conference until after the Disarmament Conference has opened, and in the meantime has made an offer to extend the German moratorium for two further years.

Herr von Hoesch, who was responsible for obtaining France's agreement to Germany's appeal to the Young Plan Advisory Committee, has given no indication, so far, of the likely German response to the French proposals.

French Condition.

It is learned that France desires a postponement of the Lausanne Reparations Conference, if possible, to February 25, but is provisionally willing to agree to extend the German moratorium until July 1, 1934.

The extension of the moratorium would not, however, apply on its present basis. France makes the offer provided Germany continues the payment of the unconditional annuities.

"Parliamentary Pressure."

This is the tenor of an important statement by M. Flandin to Herr Hoesch to-day, pleading the pressure of Parliamentary business as the reason for the desire to postpone the conference.

As regards the unconditional annuities, it is understood that M. Flandin pointed out that Germany would be able to recover the sums thus paid through loans on the security of the State Railways.

British Unaware.

Meanwhile, the British Government is proceeding as though the Lausanne Conference will be held a fortnight hence as suggested.

It was announced to-day that Colonel Sir Maurice Hankey, the British Cabinet's Secretary, will probably act as Secretary-General at the Conference, the post he occupied at the earlier international conferences of a similar kind in London, the Hague and elsewhere.

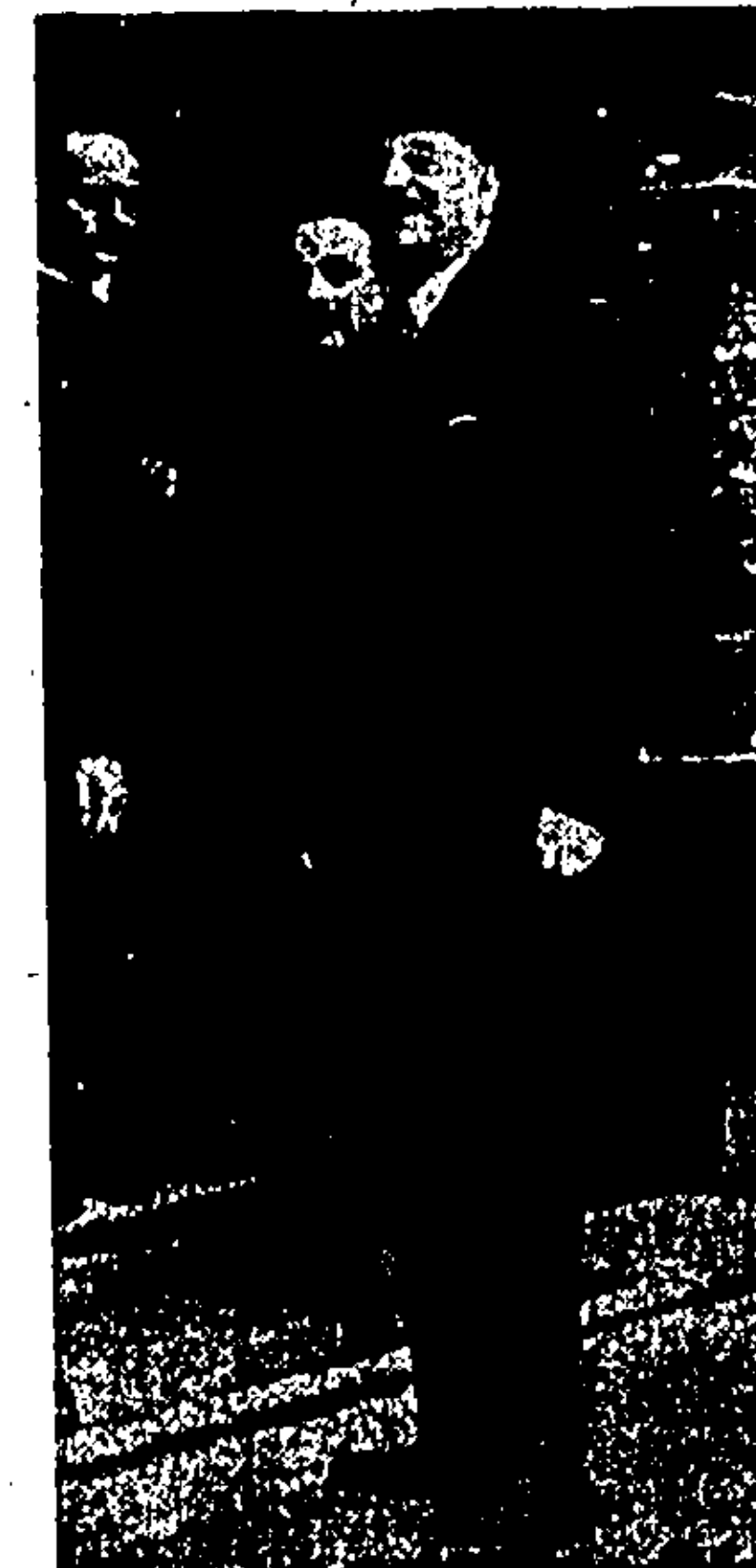
Likely Secretary in Switzerland.

The Governments concerned have informally welcomed his appointment which, it is expected, the Conference will confirm at its first sitting.

Sir Maurice Hankey is at present in Switzerland, in contact with the Swiss Government regarding the preparations for the conference.

In British official circles to-day there was no indication of any likelihood of a postponement of the conference.—Reuter and British Wireless.

A recent burglary on The Peak, when Mr. H. L. Dennis was robbed of articles valued at \$1,000, has had an unusual sequel by the return of a medal and snapshots of Mr. Dennis's small son, which were included in the booty. These were sent back in an unstamped envelope yesterday, the recipient having to pay duty costs for postage.



M. Flandin, whose offer to Germany comes as something of a surprise, photographed outside the offices of the French Treasury.

RUHR PUTSCH

No Support From Trade Unions.

Cologne, Jan. 5.

The attempted Communist putch in the Ruhr has petered out and from almost every centre originally affected quiet is reported.

The failure of the movement was manifest from the moment it started two days ago, and it represents a complete victory for the Trade Unions as the main body of organised workmen has supported the Trade Union leaders in opposition to Communism.

Many of the workmen who participated in the attempt have lost their jobs and hundreds have been arrested.—Reuter.

DEBT PAYMENTS IN SILVER.

SENATOR BORAH'S LATEST.

Washington, Jan. 5.

Apparently determined not to relax his efforts for the rehabilitation of silver, Senator Borah has submitted to the Senate a Bill authorising foreign debtors to repay their debts in silver.

The Bill also requests the Treasury to mint silver coins of certain weights having the status of currency at the market value of the metal.

Like most of Senator Borah's previous ventures in this particular connexion, the Bill is expected to prove short-lived.—Reuter's American Service.

SILVER MARKET EASIER.

AMERICA IN ROLE OF SELLER.

Conditions on the silver market are rather easier to-day, both in Shanghai and Hongkong, although the local dollar continues unchanged.

In London, silver was up 1/16th for spot and forward, the Continent being small buyers and America small sellers. The market opened quiet. After the official fixing, the market ruled easier, with America sellers 1/16th under the quoted rates.

New York silver prices dropped 1/8th, with the market easy. The cross-rate has dropped to 3.84.

JAPAN'S NEXT STOP.

SHANHAIKWAN TO BE OCCUPIED.

LATEST MOVES IN MANCHURIA.

Nanking, Jan. 6.

Orders for the complete occupation of Shanhaikwan, the last important strategic position held by the Chinese outside the Great Wall, are said to have been issued to the Japanese troops by General Honjo, the Commander-in-Chief of the invading forces in Manchuria.

At present, the city is partially occupied by the Japanese, though Chinese troops are still on garrison duty.

Recently, the Japanese have substantially increased their forces in the city, and there are now indications that they intend to secure full control of the railway between Shanhaikwan and Mukden.

Hingehong, which is situated about midway between Chinchow and Shanhaikwan, has been captured by the Japanese, no resistance having been offered by the Chinese volunteer forces. So far, about 800 Japanese troops have entered the city, where chaos reigns.

Shanhaikwan Pass, Mined?

Japanese planes, which are based on Yingkow, are daily carrying out reconnaissances along the Peking-Mukden Railway.

Rumours are current that the Japanese have mined Shanhaikwan Pass, in order to prevent the retreating Manchurian troops from moving to Lwanchow, within the Great Wall, from Chinchow, Suichungshieh, Ichow and Chao-yang.

Chinchow Situation.

Since the original occupation of Chinchow, most of the Japanese troops have moved on with the general advance, only about a thousand remaining to control the situation. Japanese artillery are establishing strong gun emplacements in the suburbs in view of the possibility of a Chinese counter-attack.

The majority of the shops in Chinchow have suspended business, in consequence of looting, for which the Chinese blame the Koreans. At the suggestion of the Japanese, the leading Chinese residents are establishing a Public Safety Committee to administer affairs and also to provide for the protection of the city.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC FLEET EXERCISES.

TO END EARLIER THAN USUAL.

London, Jan. 5.

The ships of the Atlantic Fleet are to-day and to-morrow leaving their home ports, Portsmouth, Chatham and Devonport, to concentrate for the annual Spring exercises.

For reasons of economy, the cruise has been somewhat curtailed and the ships will return to England in the middle of March, a fortnight earlier than usual.

The exercises will be carried out while the Fleet is proceeding South towards Gibraltar, and in a few days, a detachment consisting of H.M.S. Hood, H.M.S. Repulse, H.M.S. Dorsetshire, H.M.S. Norfolk, H.M.S. Exeter, and H.M.S. York, under Rear-Admiral Tomkinson, will leave the main fleet on a visit to British West Indian ports.—British Wireless.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the trough is about 200 miles N.W. of the Azores, moving N.W. at 10 m.p.h. Low pressure over the Atlantic, low barometer, heavy rain, strong winds.

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AGRICULTURE IN THE N.T.
PLEA TO IMPROVE ANCIENT METHODS.
ROTARY ADDRESS.

The necessity of bringing about reform in the method of cultivation of land and animal husbandry in the New Territories, by helping and educating the farmers in accordance with present-day advanced science of cultivation, was dealt with by Mr. J. D. Bush, when he spoke at yesterday's Rotary Club luncheon, which was held in Messrs. Lane Crawford's restaurant under the Chairmanship of Sir William Hornell.

The Chairman said:—"First of all I want to wish you all a very happy New Year. Let me thank you all very much for having braved this frightful epidemic by coming here to-day. I discussed the matter with a member who discussed the matter with another member who is a learned Doctor, and he said that there was no danger when eating but that there was some danger when speaking. That is why you will notice no one is sitting in front of me. The speaker and I have had our throats certified—(laughter)—and, perhaps, we are the only two people in the room who have certified breath.—(Laughter)."

The Chairman welcomed the following as visitors:—Mr. Fung Ki-cheuk, Chairman of the New Territories Agricultural Association, Mr. C. M. Manners, Vice-Chairman of that Association, Mr. S. H. Ross and Mr. J. Petrie.

Speaking on "The Promotion of Agriculture in the New Territories," Mr. Bush said:—"My first business is to assure you that I do not come to preach contagion but to sing a song of love in very bad prose."

The Annual Show.

He continued: It was with a great deal of pleasure that I promised Rotarian McPherson to speak briefly at this luncheon on the subject of "Promotion of Agriculture in the New Territories." I am very grateful for the opportunity to-day, for one thing, to tell you something of the forthcoming agricultural show, which will be opened by His Excellency the Governor this Saturday, the 9th instant at 3 p.m. at Shek Wu Hui, near the Sheung Shui Railway Station.

This annual exhibition of agricultural products, together with other attractions, is becoming more and more popular with the general public in the Colon. It would be impossible, within the compass of twenty minutes, to give you an adequate account of the agricultural conditions in the New Territories. All that I can do is to convey some idea of the work and aim of the New Territories Agricultural Association in which I am doing but a small part as Honorary English Secretary.

At the outset I also feel that I ought to make it clear that I am not well qualified for the undertaking of discussing the difficult problem of promoting agriculture. I possess neither the essential training nor the expert knowledge like our learned friend, Rotarian Herklotz.

Booklet Commended.

In the course of preparing this paper, I have been tempted more than once, in short, to ask Rotarian Herklotz to write it for me. But I have not the heart, as he has already done such a lot for me in getting out the beautiful handbook for the show, which can be had, on Thursday. It has been delayed by the printer. I commend the booklet especially to your attention, if for nothing else, at least for the interesting articles from the pen of Dr. Herklotz. There will be other features of interest to those of you who are interested in agriculture and horticulture. The booklet is well worth the value of twenty cents,

for that price is hardly sufficient to cover the cost of printing alone.

The Exhibition's Beginning.

The idea of an agricultural exhibition was first suggested by H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi and the Rev. H. R. Wells in 1926, and among the earliest supporters were Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Mr. H. Green, Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, Mr. J. A. Fraser, the former District Officer, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, who accomplished the largest portion of spade work for the first Honorary English Secretary of the show, and last but not least, Mr. Fung Ki-cheuk, who is now the Chairman of the New Territories Agricultural Association. The first Show was held in December, 1927, when, in his opening speech, His Excellency the Governor made reference to the great assistance given by Lady Ho Tung in whose grounds the show was held, and who had, for many years, interested herself in agriculture in the New Territories.

What Is the Use?

Each year the question arises when preparations are being made for the show, what is the use of improving the conditions of the farmers, when we see in the New Territories, men wielding the same old farming implement and women binding the sheaves as they have done for many centuries? Indeed the passage of three or four centuries has made little change in the conditions under which the Chinese farmers from one end of China to the other live, or the methods which they employ in cultivation. Year in and year out they work and live on the minimum rather than the maximum of their crops. What is said of the Egyptian peasant, or fellah, may be applied with equal force to the extreme conservatism and lack of initiative of the Chinese farmers of to-day.

Speaking of the Egyptian peasant, an English writer in the *Manchester Guardian* says: "A mummy of the Twelfth Dynasty coming to life in a twentieth-century Egyptian village would find himself surrounded by faces of a familiar cast. Neither the scenery nor the dwellings, neither the habits nor the avocations of modern fellahin would appear in the least strange to him, and he would be able to handle the plough or hoe in use to-day or take his place just as he was wont to do over 4,000 years ago."

Chinese Methods Unchanged.

Nor has the long procession of the centuries wrought any fundamental change in the Chinese peasant. As a Chinese writer has recently said: "There is very little selection of the best produce for sowing again; the average seed is generally considered as good enough. There is an almost complete absence of meadow-land, domestic animals being more economically fed on cut fodder, with some grazing on hill-sides. The farmers are without knowledge of irrigation and drainage, but difficulties in co-operation prevent anything being done in such matters except locally and in a small way."

In such despondent mood, I cannot refrain from adapting the same prevalent in certain parts of the British Empire, that farming is mainly "Ticks and Politics" and saying that the order of the day in agriculture China is "To manure and endure."

No Poultry Farms.

There are no poultry farms in China. Here and there in the New Territories you may find the farmers keeping a few hens, and the eggs are collected in very small quantities from the fairs or markets to which they are carried by the people themselves. The hens in China in general lay not more than 60 or 70 a year each, whereas a good laying hen should produce between 150 and 200 eggs. Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa, of China Auction Room, who has contributed much each year to the show in arousing interest in the Poultry Section, is of the following opinion: "Considering that the Chinese farmer in the New

Territories derives a fairly large portion of his income from the sale of eggs and poultry, it is hard to understand why he still keeps on in the old rut, breeding the small Chinese fowls, without any system or attempt at improvement."

Much work is still to be done in China in animal husbandry. In the New Territories farms I have not seen any cows being kept for milk purposes. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why China has been such a big importer of condensed milk. With a view to arousing greater interest in breeding of cattle, Rotarian J. Russell has been putting up special prizes at the Show for the best bullock, cow, and calf, as displayed on the exhibition grounds on the opening day.

Deforestation Peril.

Deforestation, as everybody knows, is appalling in China. This is also a problem in the New Territories. Forestry can have a tremendous influence on farming and population. According to a French authority, deforestation was the prime cause of Greece's decline. The Frenchman's view is this: "Emigration and low birth-rate prevailed only for a time. If Greece had conserved her fertile soil, immigration or higher birth-rate would have sprung up at a given moment and filled up the ranks. Depopulation persisted because the land was impoverished by becoming deforested and unhealthy."

Time will not permit me to tell you also of the interesting theory advanced that, with deforestation, malaria developed. Let it be sufficient to say here that deforestation caused the cessation of regularity of stream flow and resulted in the washing of the soil and gravel to the plains below. In summer "when there is no flow, the river bed still in places contain pools favourable to the breeding of mosquitoes."

I do not know how the Forestry Department will accept this theory. And I wonder if Rotarian Arthur Woo, who is so energetic in promoting public health among the farmers in the New Territories, agrees to this theory thus advanced? Incidentally, speaking of public health in the New Territories, I may mention that in the forthcoming show, there will be public health lectures given to the farmers, with charts and other illustrations, under the auspices of the New Territories Medical Benevolent Society, of which Dr. Arthur Woo is the President and Dr. Gerrard is a staunch supporter.

Other Problems.

There are other perplexing farming problems in the New Territories I may present to you (Continued on Page 10.)

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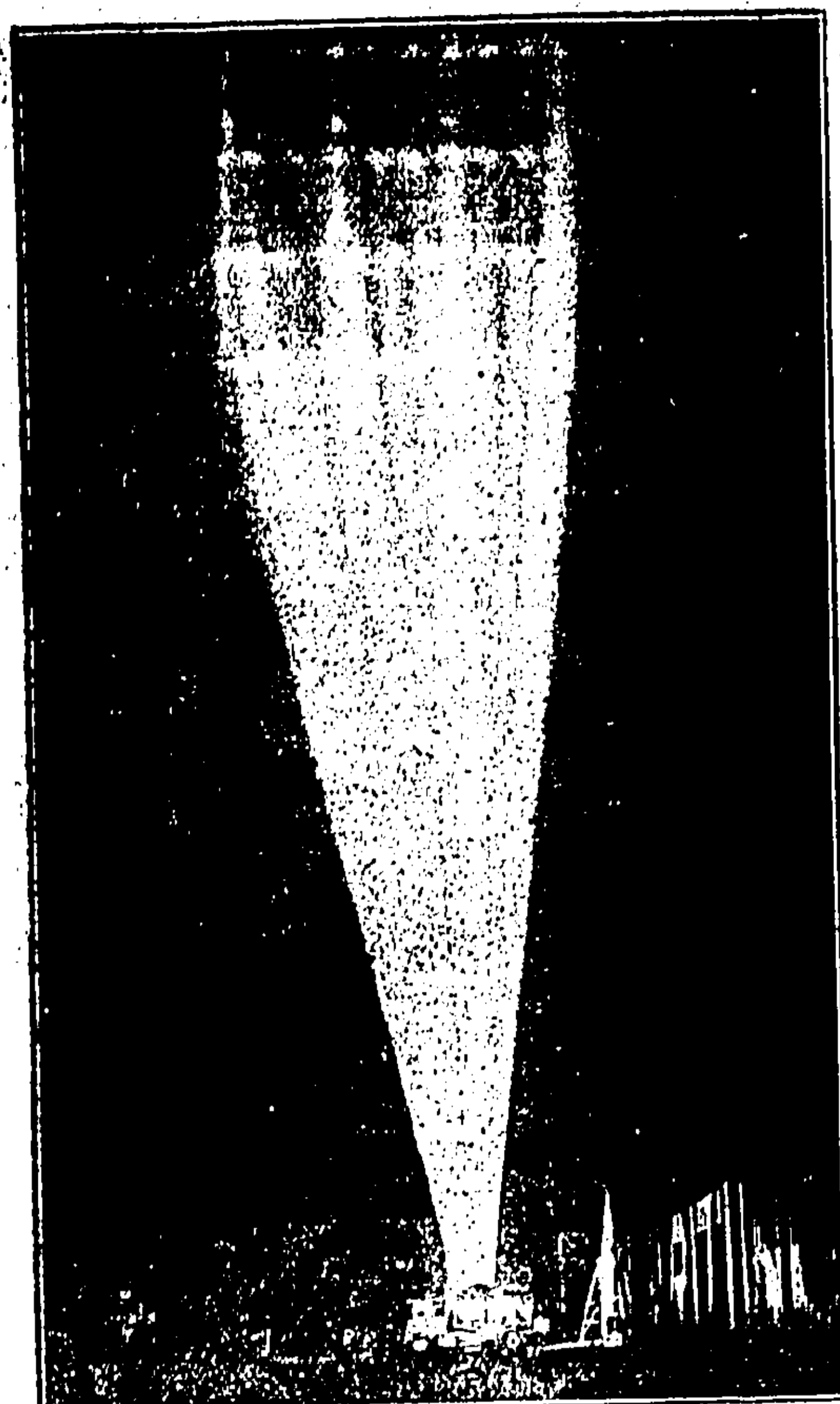
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Cutting Christmas trees at Malton, in Yorkshire, ready for the London markets. "Buy British" was the slogan that applied in England this year.—(Times copyright).



Tulip of Runnymede, exhibited by Mrs. Reynolds Stans, first prize and champion.—(Times copyright).



Mr. Bert Hinkler, the Australian aviator, being chaired on his arrival at Hainworth Aerodrome after his great flight from South America.—(Times copyright).



A prize kitten at the National Cat Club's Championship show at the Crystal Palace. It is Miss Langhorn's Alfonso of the Combe.—(Times copyright).

Gems of Peril

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

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ROSS HAILEY

Rich old Mrs. Jupiter is fabled and murdered during the engagement party she gave for her secretary, Mary Hartman. The thief fails to get the famous Jupiter necklace. Suspicion points to Mary's brother, Eddie, who is killed by a car as he goes to meet her. Police drop the case, believing Eddie guilty. Bowen, police reporter for the Star, conducts a private investigation. He discovers a race-track crook called The Fly to whom Eddie owed money. Eddie's coat, found in the house, is recognized by the butler as one worn by a "gentleman" he ejected the night of the murder. Bowen, fearing the night of the murder, believes Mary's fiancé, Dirk, rather than Eddie guilty and forbids her to see Bowen. Mary's fiancé, Dirk, rather than Eddie guilty and forbids her to see Bowen. Mary's fiancé, Dirk, rather than Eddie guilty and forbids her to see Bowen.

CHAPTER XXII

"You shouldn't have done that," Bowen objected. "Now how'll you get home?"

"I'm not going home just yet," Mary said. "You're going back to Shay's. And get what fingerprints you can. Where are the ones you got off the gun?"

"In my hotel room."

"I'll go there and wait for you. I don't feel equal to Shay's again, right now. Besides, it might be better if you went alone."

"I'll get kicked out anyway," Bowen muttered morosely. "Look, he said, 'you better not do this. You better make it up with him while you can, or there's liable to be any wedding tomorrow.'"

"There isn't going to be any how!" Mary flamed. "Until I find out who's right. If those fingerprints tally, there won't be any, anyway, until that man's caught, one thing at a time, and that comes first with me. If they don't—if you've just been giving me a—cock-and-bull story."

"Why should I do that?"

"To get a sensational story."

"I haven't printed a line about you yet, have I?"

"Then, if that isn't the reason, Dirk said you had another—" she turned several shades of pink in quick succession, but blurted it out nevertheless—"he said you were making up excuses for sticking around because—you were in love with me."

"It didn't faze Bowen. 'I don't say I'm not,' he grunted, looking straight ahead."

"Oh, then—"

"Every blame word I've said is the truth, and you know it!" he cried bitterly. "And I'm tired of having my word doubted! I don't have to prove it. If you want to drop the matter, we'll drop it right here and now. It's entirely up to you. I hate the Fly's gizzard, but I can let my feelings go. You're the one most concerned."

"Odd that it had never occurred to Dirk just that way!"

"Then come on." Bowen's hotel was just around the corner in a side-street, nearer Sixth than Fifth Avenue. It was not fashionable but clean and warm. Bowen bought some magazines at the lobby stand, and guided Mary gingerly by an elbow into a small, rose and gold room opening off the lobby.

An old woman in a soiled uniform crawled forward.

"Hello, Kate," Bowen greeted her. "Take good care of this for me, will you? Till I come back."

Kate's eyes took in Mary from head to toe, with cynical interest.

"Sure I will," she promised, with enthusiasm. Kate had executed commissions for newspapermen before. She would soon know what this beautiful damsel in distress had been up to. Shot her lover, perhaps. Whatever it was she'd been crying about, it thrilled Kate that she should know about it before it came out in tomorrow's papers.

Mary established herself on the shabby divan with Town and Tattle and fell to reading, more to escape the old woman's questioning than anything else. Eventually the old soul hebbled away, muttering to herself about the uppityness of some people.

When they got you in the jug, you'll talk, my fine girl," she threatened through the wall.

Mary read on, oblivious of having offended. It was rather fun making out who was meant by the peevish referred to in those small, scandalous paragraphs in the gossip magazine. No names were mentioned, of course, but it was usually made plain enough. This, for instance,

"Why it is that we never appreciate what we have until it is another's? What child of great wealth—a bud of three seasons ago—is making rather a fool of herself over a childhood sweetheart whose devotion she was wont to ridicule until he took unto himself a fiancée? She is said to be relying heavily on the fact that the said fiancée is involved in a messy family scandal just now, which only the immense wealth and political pull of her sponsor has succeeded in squelching."

A cold prickles began to creep over Mary, and she sat upright on the couch, realizing suddenly that it must be herself who was meant! Her eyes raked on;

"Both aspirants to the hand of the blue-blooded and personable young lawyer come to the post well equipped—the do with this world's goods, and the fiancée with more than her share of looks. But if all Dame Rumour whispers is true, and the lucky girl's elderly sponsor makes legal and binding his promise to make her his heir, then the scales will tilt heavily in her favour."

Bowen came hurrying in, his arms full of packages. In his left hand he held a whisky-bottle carefully by the neck.

"Sorry to be so long," he explained, "but I had to buy some powder and some other junk. I got a pretty good thumb print, I think, but the rest are not so good. I want to wait here a little longer till I go up and develop this. I'll hurry."

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and she will be able to match her rival million for million, with a few extra for good measure.

"A curious outcome, indeed, in view of the fact that the elderly proprietor's own wife died under mysterious circumstances recently, but Croesus will hear no ill of his Cinderella, so they say."

Mary hurried the magazine as far as she could throw it, and took a turn around the room to cool off. The impudence of it! The cowardly nastiness! How dare people publish nasty innuendoes of that sort, and expect to escape punishment? A suit for libel would be the very least they could expect; if she were a man, of she had a father, or a brother—or, she added miserably, a fiancé! Old-fashioned horse-whipping was too good for the purveyors of such slander!

The alert Katie looked in, but withdrew in fright before that terrible young face. Mary was still pacing restlessly about the room, from picture to picture, staring at the ugly old landscapes with unseeing eyes, spelling out artist's names as she uttered them. She was determined not to give way here, in this place, and add further fuel to the scandal.

Bowen should take her home at once, and the matter would be put before Mr. Jupiter. He would know what to do. "Immense wealth and political pull" indeed! If that were so, then they should be made to feel it!

But as her anger cooled she knew with sickening certainty that instead of showing it to Mr. Jupiter, she must keep it from him. After all, was it any more than had been common talk for weeks? Everyone knew it was a scurrilous little sheet; everyone discounted its nasty little digs. She would only make matters worse if she made a row about it.

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set to work and Mary watched, absorbed. The thumb print came up clearly, the others were, as he had said, too faint to be of much good.

Presently he raised a flushed, perspiring countenance and said dramatically, "Now!" He laid on the table the sheet of paper containing the fingerprints obtained from the gun. Beside it he placed a finger-print chart and a magnifying glass. Occupying the place of honour stood the whisky-bottle, erect, its powderblackened sides showing a variety of finger-smudges.

He bent his eye to the magnifying glass, moving it from one to the other, back and forth.

"I'm no expert," he said, at last, "but if those thumb-prints aren't identical, I'll eat 'em. I'll get an expert's opinion on it, if you want it. The boys in the identification bureau will do it for me."

"Do it, will you?" she asked eagerly. "I accept your word, but we must be absolutely certain."

"Right. Tomorrow, without fail. Well, Miss Sherlock Holmes, let's shut up shop for tonight."

He removed a pile of clean shirts from a dresser drawer, laid his exhibits carefully away in the empty drawer, locked it, and they went out.

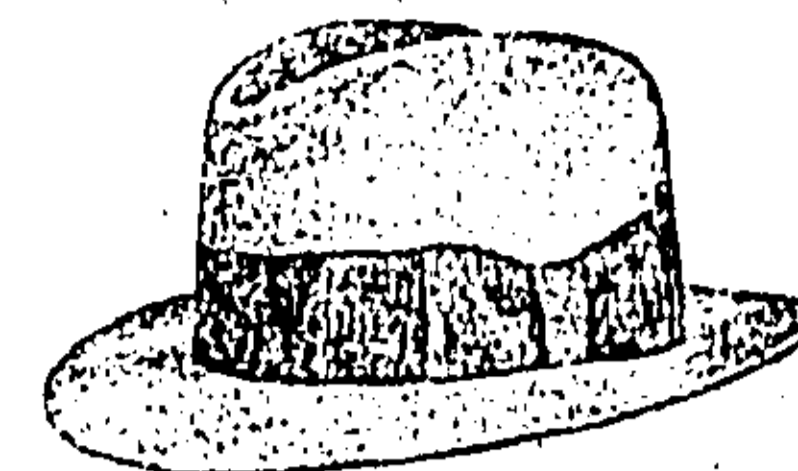
"It's only 10 o'clock," he whispered in the elevator. "You'll be home and in beddy-lys in an hour. What could be sweeter? And don't worry, your boy-friend'll come around all right. Keep a stiff upper lip, and remember what you've

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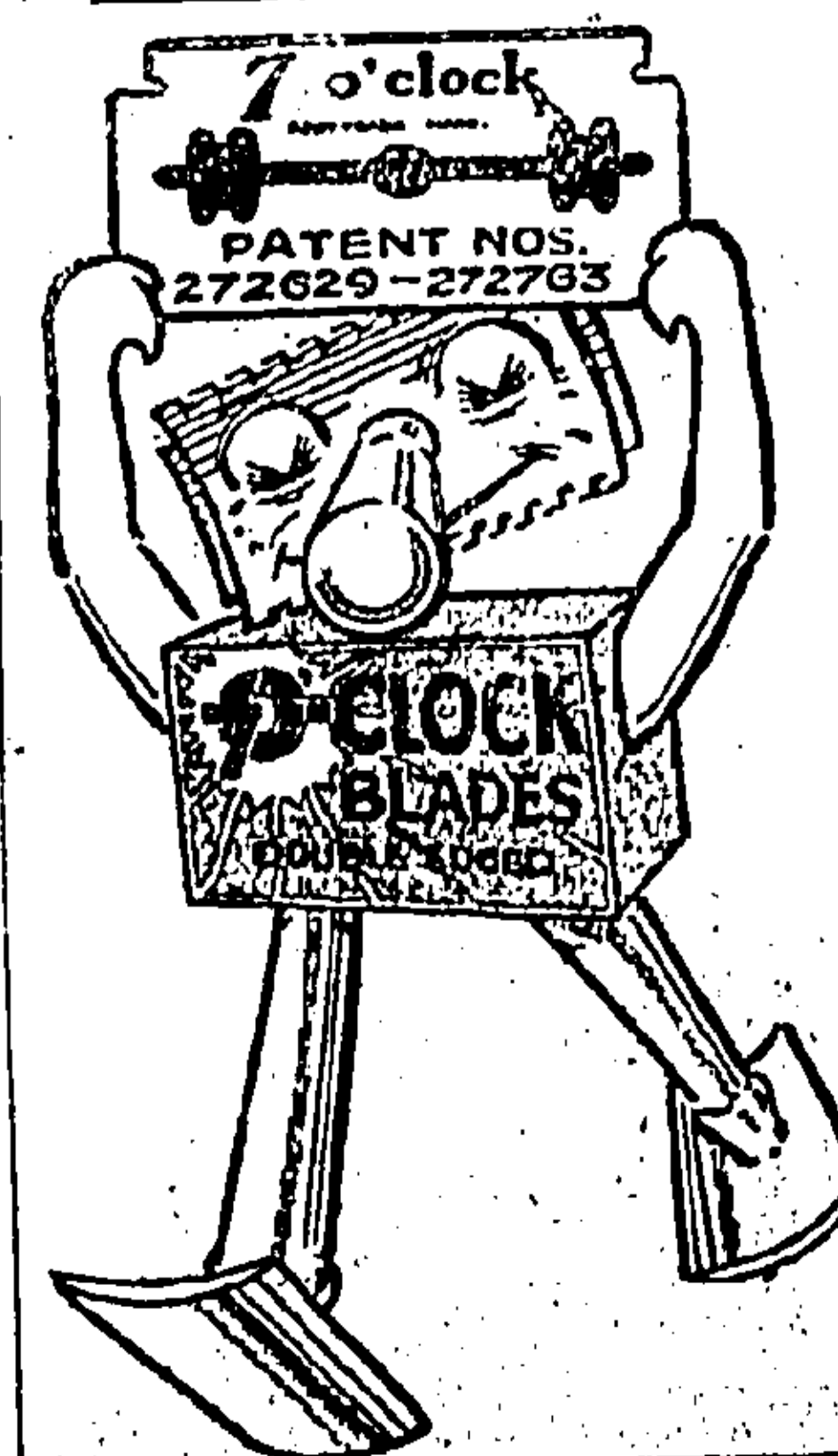
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OFFICER PRAISED.

MAGISTRATE COMMENDS
SMART ARREST.

Detective Sergeant Pearson was complimented by Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon on a smart piece of work in connection with the case in which a man named Chan Fuk was charged with enticing away two small boys from their parents on December 19, 1931.

Sub-Inspector Elston, who prosecuted, said that Sergeant Pearson, in the course of his search duties, was on board the s.s. Anhui on December 21 when he noticed two small boys who were wearing brand new clothes. They were accompanied by the defendant. His suspicions aroused, Sgt. Pearson arrested the defendant and as a result, searched him and found three passport tickets on him. Defendant could not give a satisfactory explanation and Sgt. Pearson took him back to the Water Police Station together with the two boys.

Enquiries made later revealed that the boys had parents living in Hongkong and had been taken on board without the consent of their parents.

Defendant denied having enticed the boys away. He referred to a man called Li Kam who asked him to take the two boys on board the Anhui, promising to meet him on the ship, which was bound for Amoy.

Defendant admitted having harboured the two boys, but he denied having enticed them away from their parents.

His Worship amended the charge to that of harbouring the two boys with intent to deprive their parents of possession.

A sentence of 12 months was imposed.

RETURN TO MACAO.

BISHOP NUNES DUE
NEXT WEEK.

Returning to Macao by the Fiala on January 12, is His Lordship D. Jose da Costa Nunes, Bishop of Macao, who went to Rome to see His Holiness Pope Pius XI last year, and has since visited the Azores on a holiday trip to see his family.

It will be remembered, that His Lordship's name was submitted by the Portuguese Government to the Pope to be the head of the seminary where priests are prepared for Portuguese colonies. The Pope after careful consideration appointed him to that post.

However, feeling that he was not the right man to fill such a position, his Lordship asked permission to go to Rome and put his reasons before the Pope. His Holiness the Pope after having heard His Lordship excused him. After his audience His Lordship went to the Azores to enjoy a holiday with his family and see his aged father.

Now on the eve of his return to Macao, the people are preparing to give him a rousing welcome. There will be no formal reception in Hongkong and His Lordship will proceed at once to Macao.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	86	87.11/16
Geneva	17.9/16	17.11/16
Berlin	14 1/2	14.20
Oslo	18 1/2	18 1/2
Helsingfors	230	230
Athens	255	260
Buenos Aires	40 1/2	40 1/2
Shanghai	1/11/16	1/11/16
New York	33.47 1/2	33.47 1/2
Amsterdam	8.13/32	8.13/32
Vienna	30	30
Madrid	39.15/16	39.15/16
Bucharest	555	570
Hongkong	1/6.10/32	1/5 1/2
Brussels	24 1/2	24.22 1/2
Milan	65.11/16	66 1/2
Stockholm	17 1/2	17.11/16
Prague	114	113 1/2
Lisbon	109 1/2	109 1/2
Rio	4 1/2	4 1/2
Bombay	1/6.5/32	1/6.5/32
Yokohama	2/10 1/2	2/10 1/2
Montevideo	3 1/2	3 1/2
Montreal	4.01	4.01
Silver (spot)	20 1/2	20.7/16
(forward)	20 1/2	20.7/16

—British Wireless.

BRITISH POLICY.

REPARATIONS AND OTHER
PROBLEMS.

London, Jan. 5. Beginning to-morrow, there will be meetings practically every day of one or other of the Cabinet committees appointed to report on various subjects. The first Cabinet Council since December 16 is due to be held a week from to-day. It is anticipated that the policy to be pursued by Great Britain at the Lausanne conference will be considered. Many important domestic matters must also be examined by the Cabinet before Parliament reassembles on February 2.

Disarmament.

Discussions arranged for to-day between Mr. Arthur Henderson and Sir Eric Drummond, the Secretary General to the League of Nations, on matters connected with the Disarmament Conference, of which Mr. Henderson is chairman, have been postponed until Sir Eric Drummond has recovered from an attack of influenza. —British Wireless.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1470 5/8 sa.
Chartered Bank, \$10 n.
Maritime A. and B., \$17 1/2 n.
East Asia, \$128 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1,350 n.
Union Ins., \$412 1/2 n.
China Firewriters, \$4,900 n.
China Fire, \$650 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1,250 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$25 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$24 n.
Indo-China, (Pref.) \$45 n.
Union Waterboats, \$25 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$10 1/2 n.
Kallans, 27/6 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2.70 n.
Rauha, \$39 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$153 1/2 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$29 n.
South China Motors \$10 n.
Providents (old) \$5.25 b.
Hongkew, Tls. 220 n.
New Engineers, Tls. 6 1/4 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 99 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cotton Tls. 16 20 n.
Shanghai Cottons, Tls. 77 n.
Zoon Sings Tls. 11 1/2 n.
Lands Hotels etc.
H. K. S. Hotels (old) \$15.25 b.
H. K. S. Hotels (new) \$14.75 n.
H. K. Lands, \$82 1/2 n.
Shai Land, Tls. 30 n.
Humphreys' \$19 n.
Realties, \$12.15 sa.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$22.30 b.
Peak Trams, (old), \$15.60 n.
Star Electric, \$96 1/4 n.
China Light, 27.60 sa.
H. K. Electric, \$79 1/2 b.
Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones, \$43 n.
China Race Tls. 17.90 n.
Singapore Traction, 3/4 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars 50 cts. n.
Malakoff \$39
Canton Ice, \$5 1/2 n.
Cement (com.) 19.50 n.
Ropes, 18 n.

Stores etc.

Dairy Farms, \$29 n.
Watsons, \$16.90 n.
Der A Wings \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$6.60 n.
Macintosh \$19 n.
Sincere, \$15 1/2 n.
Powells, \$3.50 b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$19.90 n.
Constructions, (old) \$5.55 b.

WOMEN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

FASHION NOTES.

Return of the Bustle.

Several charming variations of what the new bustle will be is an interesting fashion item. The bustle-effects are produced by drapings and bows and flounces. Some of the gowns have an almost voluminous drapery at the back, and yet contrive to look modern.

In most of these gowns, the line is stressed by a wide flounced hem. The "crinoline" line has been reintroduced. This is produced by the use of a very stiff material which "stands by itself," as grandmother used to say.

The leg-of-mutton is reappearing and so is the tight bodice buttoned up the front.

No one envisaged the return of the narrow skirt, however, and yet some houses have shown it already, side by side with the full skirt.

Nothing more supple and more delicate could be imagined than these close-fitting skirts, usually for evening wear, and usually of lace or some other transparent material.

The new three-piece dresses are of a very practical kind, while satisfying the natural feminine desire to look one's best. They are made up of an entire dress (frequently without sleeves), over which is a vest with long or short sleeves and a long coat, a regular wrap of regulation cut, and with as few complications as possible. The three pieces can be worn separately, or all together, according to circumstances.

The new fabrics are feather-weight woollens, and tweeds which have succeeded the coarser and heavier tweeds used in previous seasons.

WRITERS' WASTE-PAPER
BASKETS.

Some of the newest waste-paper baskets have a distinctly literary appearance. At the back of each basket appears the name of an author, such as Shakespeare, Dickens, or Moliere, with a list of his works beneath. The rest of the basket is decorated with paintings of characters from the books written by the chosen author; these are easily recognisable and printed in gay colours against the parchment background.

Red and Purple.



Paris says tennis red with purple—the new French note in millinery. This hat of red felt simulation a quill is a smart illustration of the combination.

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A STEAMED MEAT FROM THE
PUDDING.

From 1/2 lb. of mince, 1 or 2 slices of bread, a little milk, a seasoning of salt and pepper.

Pour some milk (boiling) on the bread, adding an onion, cut in half, cover, and leave until the bread has absorbed the milk, then beat it up with a fork, taking out the onion.

If too moist, a little corn-flower may be sprinkled among the bread. Now add the mince, well divided with 2 forks; stir it well into the bread; add seasoning, and mix again. Steam in a buttered basin; turn out, and serve with plainly boiled potatoes.

ONION & HADDOCK.

Clean, wash, and dry 1 fresh haddock. Slice two or three onions finely and fry them lightly. Mix them with some cooked potatoes that have been rubbed through a sieve, or if preferred, broadsword may be used instead of potato. Season with salt and pepper, and bind with a little milk. Round with this stuffing and tie round with thread. Put on a well greased baking dish with a few bits of butter or dripping on top and bake in a hot oven until the fish is tender when tried with a fork. Remove thread and serve with rings of fried onion round the fish.

FROM THE
BEAUTY COUNTER.

The fashionable woman in these modern days changes her make-up or day and evening functions—in fact, many women use a different lipstick for each dress. To cater for this whim of beauty a well-known powder and perfume manufacturer has now put on the market a little box containing seven trial tubes of lipstick, ranging from raspberry red to the golden red-sun-tan shade that so admirably suits a sunburnt skin or yellow frock.

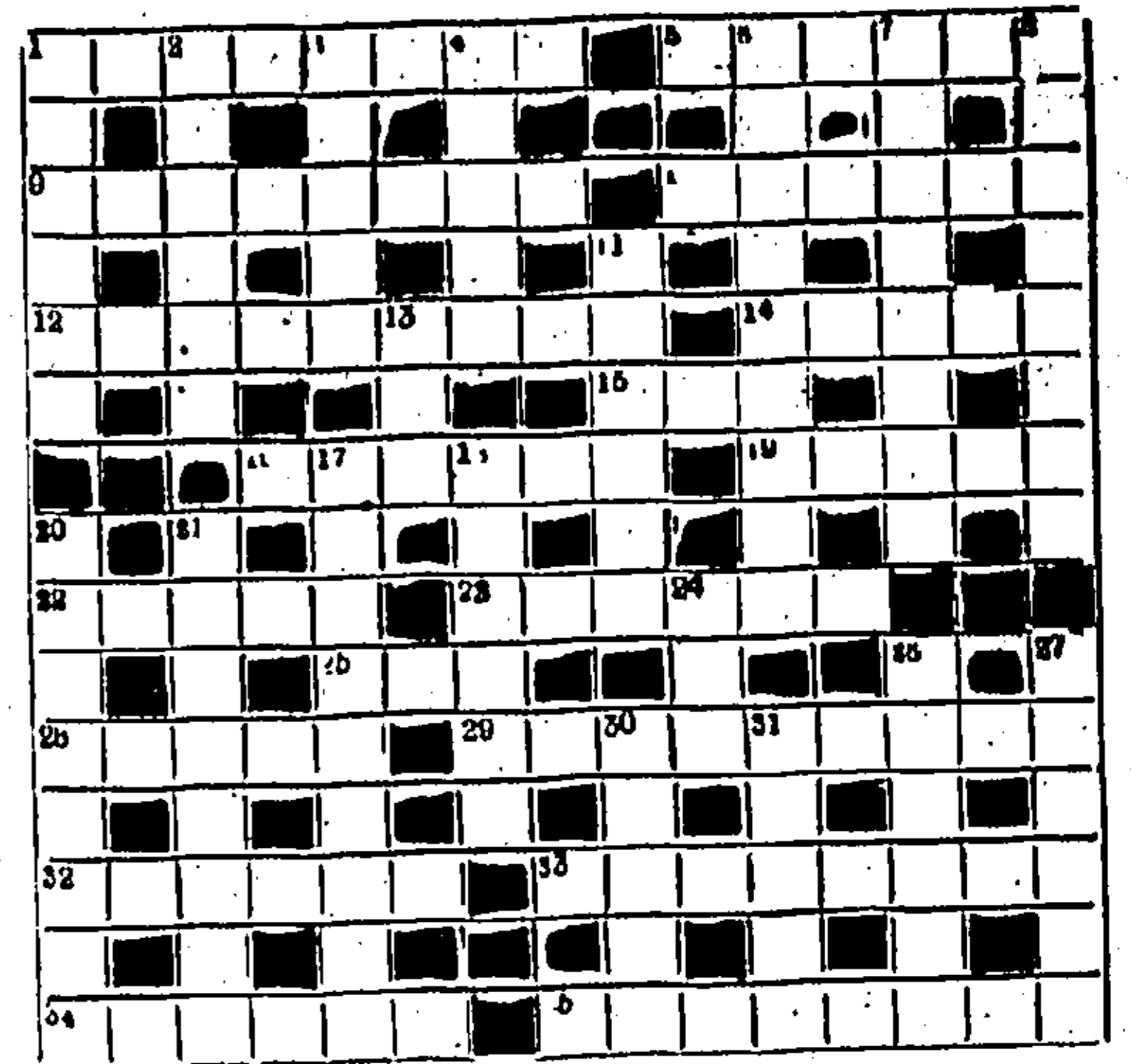
This box of seven costs 2s. 6d. The lipstick is of good quality and will not leave ugly red marks on your lips.

Another new product of this firm is a combined scent-diffuser and matchbox, which is a reproduction of a Georgian spice box. The box is divided into two compartments, one to hold matches, the other to hold absorbent cotton rolls sprinkled with essence of lavender or other perfume. It would make a useful as well as charming ornament for the bedside table or writing desk, and costs 7s. 6d., packed in a presentation box complete with absorbent rolls and essence of lavender.

ROSE CLIP BROOCHES.

Clip brooches are still popular for wear on frocks or hats and the newest designs of these ornaments take the form of a single rose bud. The bud is composed of imitation of real alabaster, and is cream coloured, while the centre is shaded from pale to deep rose pink.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



- Across
- To give yourself away must surely be.
 - Tyrant.
 - "Insure it" is its anagram and I wish I could against it.
 - You have none here, although choice is offered.
 - They received a very famous letter in Asia Minor.
 - Discharge.
 - In Surrey after Bagn.
 - Garden plant.
 - Reuben's grandfather.
 - Girl's name.
 - To a certain extent.
 - Meal.
 - Friendship.
 - In Central America.
 - British isles.
 - You can stroll along it and turn round and in silk.
 - Worry an animal.
 - Here I start by saying this sounds like my dining-room.

Down

- Soldier.
- Study this and get a slice of Ireland.
- Birds quite all right in Steven-son.
- A town in N.Y. State.
- Dash—-to choose a mild one.
- Flowers.
- You can take away the last five letters and leave ten.

- Island with a prohibitive name.
- Your condition when you have 9 Across.
- A gas.
- No gentle lady, this.
- Animal and a crest for burial place.
- Epithet for a cub.
- The Marquess of Salisbury knows this field.
- This part of the world suggests doubt as to a lady's ability.
- Irritate.
- This means dress to 1 Down.
- Every race is one.

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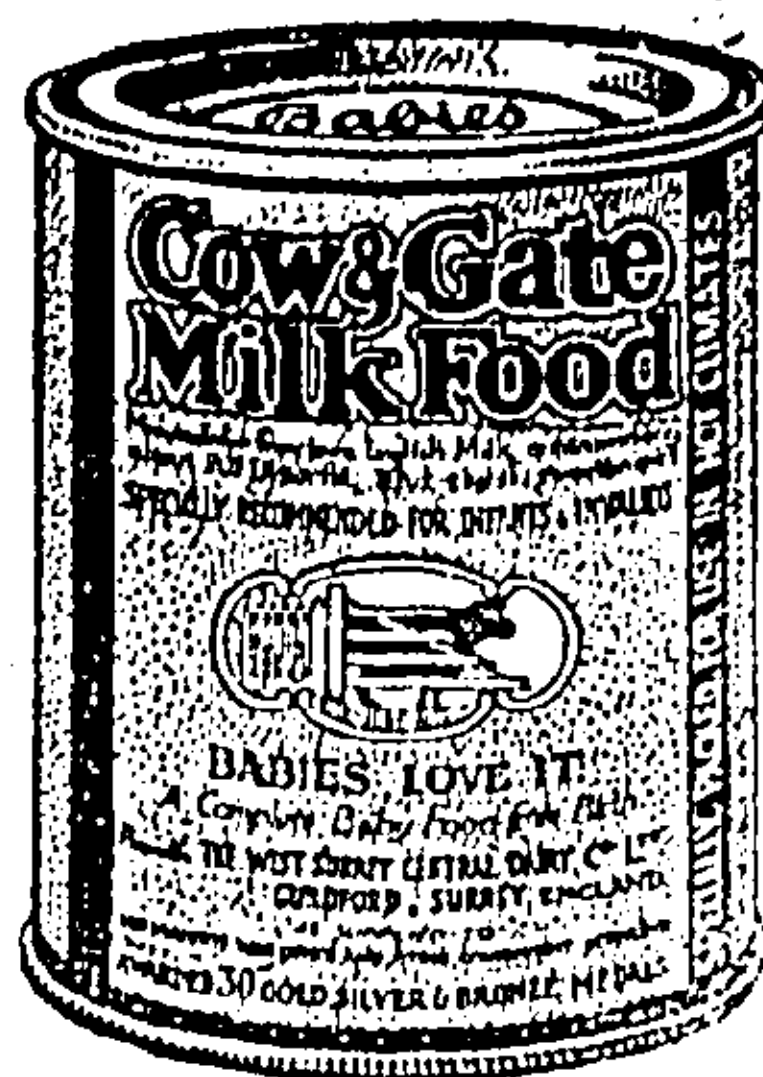


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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1932.

**POLITICAL TRENDS IN
CHINA: I.**

With the passing of the year 1931, the attempt to rule China on a One-Party System may be said definitely to have failed. The Kuomintang has been reduced to a condition of impotence by the internal strife engendered by the attempt to suppress variety of opinion, while outside the bounds of the Party other parties have been springing up and organising themselves in movements whose visible expression has been seen in the extraordinary demonstrations made of Nanking by the students from the big university and school centres, particularly from Shanghai, Peking, Tientsin and Nanking itself.

Let us look first at the movement within the Kuomintang. The enforced resignation and detention of Mr. Hu Han-min in the Spring was the signal for a widespread Kuomintang revolt against Chiang Kai-shek and his close associates in the Government. The opposition gathered at Canton, raised the standard of revolt and organised its own Government. This Government was, however, clearly nothing more than the Opposition Benches for which the One-Party System fails to provide but which under a two or more party system would have had easy and free means of expressing its opinion, with the prospect of succession to office when it became sufficiently representative. The Kuomintang split on the rock of its heritage from the bad days of its association with the Russian Communist system. The Three Principles, in spite of their opposition to individual liberty, are based on the development of the democratic systems of the West. Their ancestry is to be traced in English and Dutch constitutional history, with a spice of French republicanism. To this tradition the One-Party System, with the possible dominance of a minority in the Government, is wholly repugnant. With the purgation of the Party and the breach with Russian Communism, the Kuomintang sought to rid itself of elements alien to a democratic system. But the exigencies of the political situation, its fears of the ideas it had first fostered and then cast out

and its serious numerical minority in the country, induced it to play with the One-Party policy, and with the vicious system by which that party dominates the Government.

The political history of the past few months has been that of the attempt of the Party to solve the enigma it had set itself. When a revolt occurred, not of elements hostile to the Kuomintang, but of men of the very heart of the movement, men who had been close associates of the Founder, and who were older members of the movement than some members of the Government, it was clear even to Chiang Kai-shek that some arrangement of differences must be found. Each side threatened war, but the utmost care was taken to avoid coming to blows. The political heads of both sides determined that a peaceful way out must be found, and after intolerable delays, and under pressure of the external situation, the peace conference met in Shanghai and evolved the peculiar solution of gathering two separate plenary conferences of the Party, each electing its quota to the Central Executive Committee by whom the new Government should be elected.

Here, at the moment, the matter stands. The new Government has been elected. The titular headship has passed from Chiang Kai-shek. The political element is dominant, and Chiang Kai-shek has resisted the temptation to become a war lord. The position, however, is by no means clear. It remains to be seen whether any flexible method for the change of government is being introduced, and what scope for variety of opinion is to be given. On the whole, we look on the new Government as but temporary; its tenure of office as at best insecure. The growth of the anti-Kuomintang movement and some speculations regarding the future are matters which we must leave over for consideration until to-morrow.

An Ancient Chinese.

The discovery of the skull of the Peking Man has proved a veritable godsend to the anthropologists, who have not had such a fruitful subject for controversy for many years. According to one prominent group, the discovery thrusts the first primitive man farther and farther back into the dim and distant past. He is more than a million years older than they thought he was because the Peking Man, who lived a million years ago, must be comparatively youthful, having enjoyed such modern conveniences as a heated apartment and a full set of stone implements. The excavation made in North China have failed to reveal anything resembling a prehistoric steam radiator or a gas fire, but there seems little doubt that the gentleman so rudely unearthed after a sleep of a million years was possessed of knowledge which enabled him to build a fire to take the chill off the midwinter morning while he stirred up a couple of dodo's eggs for a breakfast of saurapoda omelet. The investigators from Britain led by Sir Arthur Keith have returned to London from China to testify to the discovery of stone implements formed with a high degree of skill and to give evidence that the primitive Peking Man of 1,000,000 years used fire. Not only does this put back fire-making to "a period more than twice as remote as that which hitherto had been assumed," but it also indicates that mankind had travelled through a good many more thousands of centuries to arrive at the knowledge and skill necessary to make fire. Revised calculations, therefore, may result in thrusting the primitive human perhaps a couple of millions of years further into the past; so far, in fact, that anthropologists and geologists may have to organise a joint expedition to dig into the situation. When one considers that it evidently took about 10,000 centuries to advance from the open fire to the open fireplace, one may be excused for venturing an opinion that "primitive" man may have been a million or two years old when he drove the herd of dodo-theriums into the back pasture for a couple of weeks while he gave the ceratopoda an opportunity to browse in the meadow.

DAY BY DAY

WHAT YOU DO NOT SPEAK OF, YOU WILL SELDOM ACCURATELY THINK OF.—Goethe.

The R.M.S. of Russia arrived at Vancouver at 7 a.m. yesterday.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Revenue Officer Harold Victor Pearce, No. 76, Morrison Hill Road, to Miss Elizabeth Neca Thomas, No. 120, Whitfield.

The Rizal Day celebration, which was postponed on account of the diphtheria epidemic, will now be held at the Peninsula Hotel at 8.30 p.m. on Sunday, 10th inst.

Mrs. Angus of Humphreys Buildings, has reported to the Police that some time yesterday afternoon some person stole a counterpane valued at \$5 from the roof of the premises where it had been hanging out to dry.

A hundred head of cattle arrived for the Dairy Farm, and Cold Storage Co. by the Blue Funnel s.s. Tyndarus from Vancouver yesterday. The biggest single shipment to come East, it comprised 48 Ayrshires and 52 Holsteins. One of the cows calved aboard the ship on arrival in Hongkong.

Li Fat, second prisoner in the Kowloon City robbery case, which was continued at the Criminal Sessions this morning, gave evidence denying having taken part and alleged that he was struck by Chinese police. Explaining his reply to the charge at the Police Station, "I have not much to say. I was implicated by my friends," prisoner said he meant that his friends might have falsely accused him. The case is proceeding.

Beyond a letter from the Government relative to the fees to be charged for special food licences already gazetted, the fortnightly meeting, yesterday, of the Sanitary Board was of a formal nature. There were present Mr. G.R. Sayer (President), Dr. G.W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chan, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. J. H. Gelling (Secretary), and Mr. J. Hargreaves (Assistant Secretary.)

**IF MARRIED STAY
AT HOME.****THE WOMAN'S DUTY.**

Following a declaration by Alderman J. Jerrard that—

"When a woman gets married her duty is at home."

Lewisham Borough Council have decided that the appointments of women on their staff must terminate on marriage.

There were protests and sharp discussion.

Mrs. Trevor Edwards, wife of the vicar, said those who thought that marriage would have a devastating effect on a woman's ability must have a poor opinion of matrimony. (Laughter.)

But Alderman Jerrard argued that the right conclusion in the matter was old-fashioned.

"I am old-fashioned," he added. "It is the duty of the man who marries a woman to keep her."

The majority in favour of imposing the new condition was overwhelming.

SIR W. JOWITT.**A BYE-ELECTION
SHORTLY.**

A bye-election is probable shortly in Montrose Burghs, with Sir William Jowitt, the Attorney-General, as National Labour candidate.

It is understood that Sir Robert Hutchison, the sitting member, who is a follower of Sir John Simon, is to receive a peerage.

It is learned that Sir William Jowitt's candidature has the approval of Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Baldwin and Sir John Simon, but the attitude of local Liberals and Conservatives is uncertain. It is probable that the Labour Party will bring forward a strong candidate.

At the General Election the figures were: Sir Robert Hutchison (L.) 17,212 Mr. A. F. Macintosh (Lab.) 5,187

L. majority . . 12,075

Good-bye to Burnley.

Mr. Arthur Henderson has informed the Burnley Trades Council and Labour Party that he does not propose to accept nomination again as Labour candidate for that constituency, and that if he re-enters Parliament, it must be for a constituency which will enable him more easily and effectively to discharge his official party duties.

The letter did not come from Mr. Henderson, but from Labour headquarters in London. It was a surprise to the local Labour leaders, who understood that Mr. Henderson had been the "indispensable" to deal with political affairs.

**GENERAL POST IN
THE ARMY.**

By R. J. T. HILLS.

The last baggage-van door is slammed home. The fatigue party shoulders itself into jackets picked up from the platform. The transport Sergeant climbs perilously round the outside of a cattle truck, cat-burglar fashion, seeing to it that handropes are secure.

He is old enough to remember the "40 homes, 8 chevaux" of the Chemin de Fer du Nord. I wonder if ever he heard that story—a perfectly true one—of the yeomanry horse that fell from its truck going up to Sally Labourse? You could never depend on a horse catching an English train up at the next halt.

Lines of close-cropped heads sticking out of carriage windows, smoke-spiralled from half a thousand cigarettes: a shrillness where the "married patch" is entrained. The Adjutant and the R.S.M. part with a salute, an anxious look over. The Girl wipes away a tear—and repairs its ravages in the interest of the incoming regiment. A whistle and a stream of smoke. The Regiment is moving again.

It's been doing that for two centuries and a half. Up and down the British Isles, half over Europe, West to the Americas, East to Peking, South to New Zealand, even North to Archangel it has moved. Leaky transports have carried it, petrol drenched lorries, belled camels, its own weary feet. Now is the Trooping Season again.

Far fewer are the moves now. There was a time before the Duke of Wellington thought of a Police-Force, or Sir Robert Peel brought one into being, when the Army represented law and order. A regiment was kept always moving then, lest it should get too friendly with the civilians.

Moves at home are dictated by the needs of organisation and training. There are little garrisons where a battalion might vegetate and grow fat. For these there lurks a sudden pitchforking to the storm centres of Aldershot or Tidworth. It's time Scotland had a glimpse of the "Fife and Forfar" again. Over the Border with them.

The foreign service roster is a much more serious affair. Moves are published annually. Regiments know years before. A stern business—silver to the bank: elimination of the few unfit, old Dusty Smith to the Depot to finish his time: young Mrs. Jones home to Mother till she "comes on the strength."

Sad; but a regiment looks forward. It'll come back, years on. Most of its men will be "time ex." Even old Bill the Armourer, who says he remembers married men setting up house in the barrack-room, will be gone.

Look at the "trooping list." What a stir is going on! The 14th/20th are off to Egypt. You saw their pictures in the papers. Well, they're used to the East—the Ramnugger Boys. The K.D.G.s. Hounslow. The Cavalry know what that means—next turn for the boat. Edinburgh is ready for the 9th Lancers, on their way from Sialkot. Lucky Ninth—they call Edinburgh the finest cavalry station in the land.

The Infantry lists open quietly. The Royal Scots, that most ancient regiment, do not budge: one

battalion of the "Queen's" ambles quietly from Dover to "The Shot." The Buffs remain steady: Palestine to Egypt is an easy one for the "King's Own."

What a scatter, though, for the "Fighting Fifth." Were ever such striders? The Second Battalion takes the place of the First at York. That's easy on the face of it. But the First Battalion must go to the West Indies, while the Second bounds clear from Shanghai. Master moves on the chessboard of Empire. And what will the 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers think of Catterick after China? At all events it's nearer the heather of home.

Rarely, if ever, do they meet, these linked battalions of the British Line. Yet they know each other like brothers. Every man comes from the same Depot, those pleasant, old-fashioned regimental homes. There is a constant coming and going of drafts and individuals. The War unweaves them, and some of them even had time to re-organise together in the breathing space after it was over. Normally a regiment never parades complete. For that, of course, is the Cardinal System: one home and one away. Yet here's a regiment—the D.C.L.I.—with a battalion at The Rock and another at Boreilly. That's a trick of the trade, for "Gib" counts as a home station.

The "Die Hards" are on the move—Colchester to Palestine, India to Colchester (via the Soudan). Cockneys on a Crusade—a peaceful one: Cockneys coming home to tell the "Old Pot and Pan" wondrous tales of bazaars and Pyramids. Perhaps it's all old stuff to Dad, though. Soldiering often runs in London families.

Better rub up your geography before you study the movement orders. Where is Maymoo? Answer me that without an atlas. I shall believe what you say—I don't know myself. Decal—those rings like temple bells: Almedabad, Nazirabad—shades of the Forty Thieves.

Hundreds of stations. Some are great garrisons, full of ordinary little Britishers doing their quiet bit. Some are mere footholds held by a batch of R.E.s or Gunners. The Gunners—the Royal Regiment. Well, you know the boast of the Gunners? They have no emblazoned battle honours, they've fought on every field. And they serve in every station.

There is a tradition in the Army—never ask a man why he joined. So I asked an old sailor yesterday—a lifelong student of the Services—why boys join to-day.

"Glamour," said he, surprisingly enough. "As much romance as ever there was. They're British—that's why."

You know the cry of the incurable optimist? Every sound becomes a song—if you'll hear it that way. Lift your chin—and you'll see the fretted pinnacles against the sky, missing the garbage in the gutter. Happy the man in the marching ranks. His song goes in front, with the Drum-Major marking the rhythm. The soldier's chin was drilled up at his Depot, and stays there. Shanghai, Jamaica, and dear old fog-hung shores of Britain—you'll look good to the Regiment this Trooping Season.



"It's nice to have you for a neighbour, Mrs. Dooley. Me and the woman who lived there before just quarrelled all the time."

DRUNKENNESS NO DEFENCE.

BRITISH SEAMAN SENTENCED.

RAZOR INCIDENT.

William Wishart, the seaman of the s.s. Pentyne, who was charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on another seaman, William Davidson, on the morning of January 1, with a razor, was convicted by Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, who appeared for the prosecution this morning pressed very strongly for a conviction. He said serious injuries had been inflicted on Davidson, and submitted that no evidence had been given to show that the defendant did not know what he was doing. After quarrelling with the complainant, he went back to his bunk and there obtained a razor with which he injured Davidson. The fact that he did this showed that he still had possession of his mental faculties, contended Mr. Whyte-Smith, although it was not contested that he was drunk.

Dangerous Precedent.

Mr. Whyte-Smith quoted authorities supporting his argument that although defendant was intoxicated at the time, there was intent. It would be dangerous, he said, if drunkenness could provide a complete defence in cases of that nature, and that it would be dangerous if his Worship did not convict.

Defendant stated that he had been on the Pentyne for six months, during which time he had always been good friends with the complainant. As far as he himself was concerned, they were still good friends. On New Year's Eve, they went ashore with two other seamen and had some drinks, returning to the ship a few minutes before midnight with some liquor. He only vaguely remembered that there was a quarrel between him and Davidson and did not remember anything except that he was struck in the face.

Good Character.

Capt. Bullock, of the Pentyne, testified to defendant's good character. He said he had the latter's papers, all of which showed that he had received a satisfactory discharge from every ship he had been on. Witness had had no trouble with defendant whatever.

His Worship said he must convict the defendant on the evidence of wounding. He was satisfied that the defendant bore no grudge against Davidson and that he did not consider in his own mind what he was doing at the time.

His Worship would bear in mind defendant's good character, but it was a serious offence. He would impose as light a sentence as he could.

POLICE SIGNALS IGNORED.

MOTOR BOAT COXSWM FINED.

Fok Pak, the coxswain of the motor boat Tai Lee, was charged before the Hon. Comdr. Ho, at the Marine Court this morning, with having failed to stop his boat while under way in the harbour when called upon to do so by a police officer at 9.14 p.m. on December 29.

The accused admitted the charge, but said when he heard the first signal given by the police, launch he thought it was meant for another boat. On hearing the second signal, he stopped, and on hearing the third he turned round and went alongside the police launch.

Sergeant Hill said there were about eight passengers in accused's boat which was proceeding towards the Yau-mat-junk anchorage. The accused did not stop at the first two signals, but stopped at the third, inside the junk anchorage. Altogether, five signals were given by the police launch. Two were flash lights when the accused passed the launch. There was a possibility that the accused might have thought the signals were meant for another boat.

Remarking that accused should have stopped and seen for whom the signals were meant, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 or one week's imprisonment.

Last week's health return shows 72 cases of diphtheria, of which one was imported, with two fatalities. There were also three cases of typhoid (one fatal), and one non-fatal case each of small-pox (imported) and cerebro-spinal fever. Thirty-three deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis were reported.

PIRACY HERO MARRIED AT MACAO.



Our photo was taken in Macao recently after the wedding of Mr. Alberto de Mello, M.B.E., who figured prominently in the Haiching piracy, and Miss Ana de Conceicao, at St. Lawrence's Church.

PEAK FILM FIRE SEQUEL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

sons present. They were definitely members of the general public, admitted free.

His Worship:—Were no other members of the general public except amahs present?

Mr. Wolfe:—There were 27 children, six adults and a number of amahs, also two wiremen of the Hongkong Electric Company. I may say that the two wiremen were apparently there in connection with the Christmas tree. They were members of the public, and were not invited.

Mr. Dennis remarked that as it was the house of the manager of the Hongkong Electric Company, it would not be unusual for two of the Company's wiremen to be there.

Mr. Wolfe:—It is not the manager's house. The manager's house is just below mine on Mount Kellett.

Decision Held Over.

His Worship:—It is rather an important point whether the performance in this building did or did not constitute a public entertainment within the meaning of the Ordinance. I should prefer to hold the point over for consideration.

Referring to the remaining two summonses against the Company, Mr. Dennis said Messrs. Pathe Orient Co., under one name or another, had been established in Hongkong for over 25 years and was one of the best known firms of film distributors. In 1928 they moved into their present premises from Queen's Road and built a strong room which must have been passed by the Building Authority. It had iron doors, corrugated iron walls and no-one lived on the top floor where the room is situated. The police visited the premises and were shown the strong room marked "No smoking" and "No admittance." No work was done on the premises. In the strong room, the police found 296 reels of film.

Mr. Dennis remarked that Mr. Landoll had only been manager of the firm for two months, the former manager now being in Paris.

His Worship adjourned all summonses until next week for the defence to produce, if possible, a certificate issued in connexion with the strong room.

BLUEBEARD TO HANG.

CHEWS GUN WHILE LAWYER PLEADS FOR LIFE.

Clarksburg (W. Virginia), Dec. 11. Despite an impassioned plea by his counsel, Harry Powers, the American "Bluebeard," was sentenced to death here to-day.

He showed little emotion on hearing his fate.

Powers was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Dorothy Lemke, one of the women whom he was alleged to have met through a matrimonial agency and lured to her death in a mysterious cellar under the garage of his house.

In strange contrast to the emotion of his counsel, Powers, for whose life he was fighting, remained calm and unmoved, chewing gum and unconcernedly watching his lawyer's tears.

Unperturbed.

He had remained equally unperturbed while the assistant prosecutor, in a vehement outburst, strode up and down the stage of the Opera House, where the trial has been taking place, shaking his finger in Powers' face, and calling upon the jury to sentence him to death. The Opera House was again crowded to the doors with spectators who listened enthralled to the drama unfolded.

As the jury did not bring in any recommendations for mercy, Powers, in accordance with the laws of the State, will go to the gallows.—Reuter.

NEW LINK WITH MAN.

SICKLES OF 6,000 YEARS AGO.

Bone and flint sickles made 6,000 years ago on Mount Carmel, and endowed with a glaze of which any potter might be proud, provide the clue which has led Miss D. A. E. Garrod, the archaeologist, to the discovery of the earliest known appearance of agriculture.

Miss Garrod described her excavations in the valley of the caves, Mount Carmel, which were carried out for the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem in collaboration with the American School of Prehistoric Research, at the Royal Anthropological Institute.

Her work, Sir Arthur Keith said was of the greatest importance and interest in the history of man.

"The most remarkable thing," said Miss Garrod, "is that these early people do not appear to have learnt how to make pottery, although this is often found among races with no knowledge of agriculture."

80 Skeletons Found.

"We have found bone hairpins—one in the neighbourhood of a woman's skeleton—and examples of carving very different from anything which has yet been found in Europe or Egypt."

"They had probably no domestic animals, but lived by the unusual combination of hunting and agriculture. A number of stone spear-throwers were used, while fish hooks and delicate harpoons have also been found. Gazelle and big wild ox were apparently their chief sources of meat supply."

"We have about 80 skeletons of these people, who, according to Sir Arthur Keith, were small, long-headed folk, apparently closely related to the pre-Dynastic Egyptians. Another evidence of early date is the finding of remains of the spotted hyena, a species which was early replaced in Palestine by the striped variety."

"We now want to find their grain and grinding stones," Miss Garrod added. "So far we have found stone vessels, but no trace of grinding. The 'silken' glaze on the sickles is generally accepted, however, as conclusive evidence that they were used for agriculture."

THE GOLD-MAKER.

NON-CLOTHES TEST BEFORE EXPERTS.

Paris, Dec. 12. A scientific "gold rush" will be seen in the next few days in one of the laboratories of Paris University.

Under the eyes of three experts, a young Russian professor, stripped of his clothes, will manipulate a strange apparatus by means of which he believes he can produce pure gold.

He is Professor Jean de Habbank Dunikowski, of the University of Lvov, who possesses the diplomas of 10 scientific bodies.

The apparatus he has invented emits radio-active currents, which, when applied to mineral-bearing rock and earth, he declares, extract from them minerals to a greater extent than has hitherto been possible.

From rocks taken from the sea off Monaco he has, under the control of the Oceanographic Institute, it is stated, extracted blue, green and pink metals hitherto unknown.

"From matter from which up to now it has been possible only to extract 5 grammes of gold," the professor declares, "I believe I can produce 375 grammes of gold."

To exploit his discovery, Professor Dunikowski entered into an arrangement with a syndicate, but as disagreements arose he refused to hand over his secret.

He was arrested on a charge of fraud, but has been released by the examining magistrate so that he can carry out the official and scientifically-controlled experiment.

"HOT" RHYTHM DANCE.

CLEVER EXHIBITION AT KING'S RESTAURANT.

FASCINATION OF THE TANGO.

To many, one of the most regrettable omissions in public dance programmes in Hongkong, is the staging of exhibition dancing, and it was therefore no surprise to find the King's Theatre Restaurant filled to capacity yesterday afternoon when Mr. C. F. Yip, manager of the "C" Dancing Academy, and his partner, gave exhibitions at the tea dance which is held daily in the grill room.

The innovation was a decided success and the demonstrations of Mr. Yip and his partner were accorded enthusiastic receptions by the large company of terpsichorean adherents.

The first dance, set to a slow fox-trot rhythm, was a combination of the advanced American "cut-rhythm," the English "straight" slow and an assortment of "eccentric" steps usually seen in solo work. The intricate movements, calling for the introduction of a very advanced style of contra movement, perfect balance and a strong sense of rhythm, were cleverly interpreted by the dancers. Though not a dance which could be freely used in a ballroom, it was a very fine interpretation of the present day idea of "hot" rhythm.

The Argentine tango, which followed, was even more entertaining and was, except in a few movements when the dancers became a little rugged, exceedingly well performed. It was a little unfortunate that the band played at a tempo slightly too fast, but Mr. Yip and his partner overcame the obstacle with ease and gave a polished demonstration of this fascinating dance.

Both dancers pleased with some beautiful footwork, and their technique generally was the source of much admiration. Mr. Yip displayed a tendency to dance inside his partner on the half turns and an inclination to drop his shoulders in the contra body movements. These, however, were but slight blemishes in an otherwise attractive demonstration.

Further exhibitions will be given at the tea dance to-morrow, and it is to be hoped that if the demonstrations are continued in the future, Mr. Yip and his partner will give exhibitions of the waltz and quick step.—S.A.G.

SURGEON PRAISES HIGH HEELS.

WHY WOMEN WEAR THEM.

High-heeled shoes are harmless, Mr. P. B. Roth says so, and he should know, for he is orthopaedic surgeon to the Miller General Hospital.

In a paper read to a section of the Royal Society of Medicine, and printed in the "Lancet," Mr. Roth states that more than two-thirds of the civilised women of the world wore high-heeled shoes.

Asked why they wore them, he says, most women replied that high heels looked smart, were fashionable, made the feet look smaller, and were much more comfortable than flat heels, especially in standing.

Mr. Roth stated that he could give no credence to the suggestion of objectors that a high heel caused alterations in the spine and abdominal viscera. For walking, a heel of about two inches was more comfortable than flatter heels, provided the ground was fairly smooth.

He was unable to find evidence of any harm resulting from high-heeled shoes.

A more likely cause was badly-fitting footwear.

RADIO BROADCAST

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC.

From Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.
5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese programme.
6.00-6.30 p.m. Chinese children's programme.
7.00-10.30 p.m. European programme of Victor records.
7.00 p.m. Mail notice.
7.03-7.25 p.m. Hawaiian Music.
Lopo Ulaula.
Palolo-Hulu.
Sam-Ku-West Harmony Boys. 21419.
Woonahale.
Kuala. Royal Hawaiian Trio. 20281.
Honolulu March.
Kohala March.
Frank Ferreira and John K. Paaluh. 20027.

8.00 p.m. (Local time and weather report).

7.25-8.15 p.m. A Concert.
Piano Solo-Album Leaf (Greig).
Capriccio in B Minor (Brahms).
Harold Bauer. 1413.

Song-Dobrynia Nikititch.
Song-a. Berceuse b. Snowdrop.
Nina Kashetz (Soprano). 7111.
Violin Solo-By The Waters Of Minnetonka (Lieurance).
Violin Solo-Under The Leaves (Thome).
Rene Chemet. 1228.

Vocal Duet-The Moon Has Raised Her Lamp Above (Benedict).
Koyal Dadmun and Lambert Murphy. 4085.

Vocal Duet-I Know A Bank Whereon The Wild Thyme Grows (Horn).
Olive Kline and Elsie Baker. 4085.
Piano Solo-La Campanella (Paganini-Liszt).
Piano Solo-Nocturne in F Sharp Minor (Chopin).
Ignacio Jan Paderewski. 6325.

Song-The Two Grenadiers (Schumann).
Song-Midnight Review (Glinka).
Feodor Chalapin (Bass). 6010.
Violin Solo-Capriccio Antique (Balogh-Kreisler).
Violin Solo-Legend of the Canyon (C. W. Cadman).
Fritz Kreisler. 1093.

8.15-8.42 p.m. Operatic.
Song-Faust-Flower Song (Gounod) (Verdi).
Song-Don Carlos-Oh Fatal Gift. Margarete Matzenauer (Contralto). 6018.

Cello Solo-Meistersinger-Prize Song (Wagner-Wilhelm).
Cello Solo-Tanhausener-Evening Star (Wagner).
Pablo Casals. 6020.
(This record is by special request).
Song-Aida-Heavenly Aida (Verdi).
Song-Boheme-Rudolph's Narrative (Puccini).
Giovanni Martinelli (Tenor). 6595.

8.42-8.56 p.m. Negro Spirituals.
Stand By.
Leave It There.
Pace Jubilee Singers and Hatfield. 21561.

You Gonna Reap Just What You Sow. Everybody Got To Walk This Lonesome Valley.
Pace Jubilee Singers. 20310.

8.56-9.25 p.m. Humorous Numbers.
I'd Do Anything For You.
He's So Unusual.
Helene Kane. 22080.

Moonlight and Skies.
Jimmie Rogers with Guitar.
Jimmie Rogers Visits the Carter Family.
Jimmie Rogers. 23574.

Fourth of July At A Country Fair. Going To Ride That Midnight Train. Georgia Yellow Hammers. 20549.
How's Your Folks and My Folks? The Happiness Boys.
I Married The Bootlegger's Daughter.
Frank Crumit. 19739.

9.25-10.05 p.m. Orchestral.
Lobelseld (Kreisler).
A. Serenade (Moszkowski) b. Aubade (Auber).
San Francisco Symphony Orch. 4802.

Country Dance No. 1.
Pastoral Dance No. 2 The Merry Makers Dance No. 3 from "Nell Gwyn" (German).
St. Louis Symphony Orch. 9009.

L'Arlesienne (Bizet).
Royal Opera Orchestra Covent Garden conducted by Eugene Goossens. 9112-9113.

10.05-10.27 p.m. Songs by the Revelers Male Quartet.
Raquel-Bye and Bye Sweetheart 21991.
Nola-Among My Souvenirs 21100.
Comin' Home-Evenin' 21807.

10.27 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news.
10.30 p.m. Close down.

(All records in the above two European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co.).

FRENCH FLIGHT.

AIRMEN TAKE OFF FROM MARSEILLES.

Marseilles, Jan. 5. The French airmen Codas and Robida, who are flying to Hanoi, took off this morning on route to Athens, Aloppo, Basrah, Karachi, Allahabad and Rangoon.—Reuter.

Australian Air Mail.

London, Jan. 5. Air Commodore Kingsford Smith will leave Hamble aerodrome for Southampton to-morrow in the aeroplane Southern Star, with the air mail for Australia. The start was originally fixed for December 21, but a mishap necessitated dismantling the machine and delaying the departure.—British Wireless.



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MURDERS IN CHINA.

JAPAN TO DESPATCH STRONG WARNING.

Tokyo, Jan. 6. It is understood that the Japanese Government intends to protest strongly to the Chinese Government against the frequent attacks on Japanese life and property at Canton, Foochow, Amoy, Swatow, warping China, that will be compelled to send a landing party for protection if Nanking fails to stop the agitation.—Reuter.

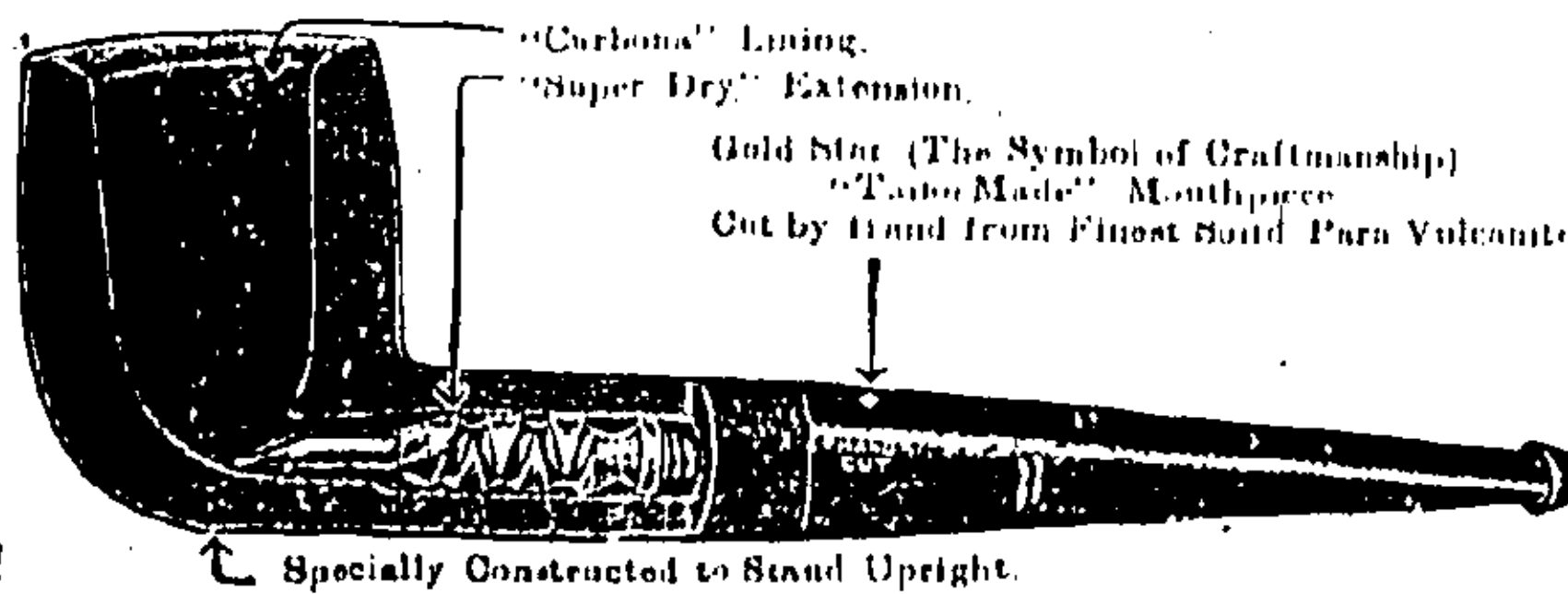
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LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

MAY ACQUIRE OWN GROUND.

The most momentous meeting in the history of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association is to be held on Friday evening when the Council is to consider suggestions for the realization of the chief ambition of the Association, namely the securing of a ground on which the governing body of the game in the Colony can hold championship, interport and exhibition tennis matches.

Ever since the Association was re-organised in 1930, its paramount aim has been to obtain for itself enclosures which will allow for the conducting of the principal tennis events in Hongkong, and thanks to the untiring efforts of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. P. F. James) and other officials, the scheme has at last been brought to a point where its realization and application in practical proposition is a ground has been found in Kowloon which, after the necessary alterations have been effected, offers itself as a most suitable site for the project, and it now largely rests with the members of the Lawn Tennis Association as to whether or not it shall be acquired for such purposes.

Plans and Estimates Ready.

The plans and estimates have been obtained and have already been approved by the Executive Committee, and these will be presented to the Council on Friday. The Council will, at the same time, be asked to convene an extraordinary general meeting of the Association to consider the following proposals put forward by the Executive Committee:

1. That the Association should acquire and maintain a ground of its own in Kowloon on the site shown in the block plan.

2. That if "1" above is passed the plan and estimates for a pavilion, ground staff quarters and fencing be approved.

3. That the estimates for levelling be approved.

4. That the question of turfing be left to the Executive Committee to decide both as to the area to be turfed and the thickness and suitability of the turf required.

5. That the funds not being required immediately for the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association's purposes, the building of stands be left to the future consideration of the Committee and temporary stands be erected when and if required.

L. T. A. to be Incorporated.

6. That in order to secure funds for the purposes outlined steps be taken to incorporate the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association, and that the necessary authority be given for the issue of debentures to an amount of £10,000, and to provide for a reasonable margin to cover unforeseen expenses, for which purpose it is suggested that H.K. \$15,000 be issued in Debeture Certificates of \$50 each.

Estimates for the ground and accessories have been prepared, and amount to \$17,700, though this figure includes provision for a stand to accommodate 1,000 persons semi-permanent or permanent at a cost of \$8,000.

The foregoing proposals will be considered by the Council on Friday, and if agreed to, will then go before a full meeting of the Association for confirmation.

LONDON BANDITS.

SENSATIONAL HOLD-UP IN WEST END.

London, Jan. 5. The recent epidemic of smash and grab raids on jewellers' shops in London culminated in a most daring and cleverly planned daylight hold-up in a busy West End street to-day.

The Manager of a jewellers' shop, after collecting a valuable parcel of jewellery from the bank where it was deposited was attacked by bandits, who thrust his hat over his eyes, felled him to the ground and snatched the packet, containing ropes of pearls, diamond bracelets and rings valued at £2,000. The bandits jumped into a large motor-car and escaped at high speed, despite scores of pedestrians, and policemen directing traffic twenty yards away.

Car bandits also raided a goldsmith's shop in New Bond Street to-day, smashed a window and escaped with a quantity of jewellery.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

SIM SHIELD MATCH.

OPENING GAME OF TOURNAMENT.

The first of the Sim Shield matches is to be played on the U.S.R.C. ground this afternoon at 4.30 p.m. between the Hongkong Hockey Club and the Army. The following have been selected to represent the civilians: C. Duncan, W. Woodward, J. Rodgers, W. A. Reed, A. A. D. (Capt.), E. V. Reed, H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divott, C. C. Francis, D. B. Evans and J. L. Tatlov. Reserves: T. J. Price and A. R. Botelho.

Club v. C.B.A.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club, 2nd XI against the Central British on the Club Ground on January 11 at 5 o'clock: E. S. Moses, L. F. Nicholson, L. A. R. Duncan, G. E. Reed, E. C. S. Dale, A. A. R. Botelho, L. D. Kibbe, S. J. H. Fox, W. A. Nowers, S. Hill and E. C. Fincher.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

H.K. C.C. TEAMS IN LEAGUE MATCHES.

In the First Division of the cricket league on Saturday, the Hongkong C.C. are to meet the Kowloon C.C. at King's Park. The following players have been selected to represent the Hongkong side: T. E. Pearce (Capt.), H. Owen Hughes, H. J. Armstrong, A. C. Beck, A. C. I. Bowker, E. R. Duckitt, Capt. W. H. G. Gontier, O. E. C. Marton, Capt. Mirehouse, E. J. R. Mitchell and A. Reid.

I.R.C. v. University.

The following will represent the Indian R. C. 1st XI in a League match against the University 1st XI on the 1. R. C. ground on Saturday, at 2 p.m.—A. A. Rumjahn (Capt.), F. D. Perola, S. P. Karant, A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, S. A. Ismail, O. Ismail, A. K. Minu, A. R. Minu, J. S. A. Curreen and H. D. Rumjahn. Reserves—M. el Arculli and A. T. Barma.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. K.C.C. 2nd XI.

The Hongkong C.C. will be represented by the following players in their league match against the Kowloon C. C. on the former's ground on Saturday: R. K. Hepburn (Capt.), R. R. Davies, R. H. Dowler, F. A. M. Elliot, C. E. Gahagan, L. D. Kibbe, R. S. W. Paterson, P. W. J. Planner, W. Stoker, J. R. Way and A. J. Wolff.

R.A.S.C. v. Civil Service.

The following have been selected to play for the R.A.S.C. in a League match against the Civil Service on Saturday at Sookanpoo on Saturday: W. O. L. Pampin (Capt.), S. Q. M. S. Payne, S. Sgt. Skipp, Sgt. Hurst, L/Cpl. Cadman, L/Cpl. Spain, L/Cpl. Reynolds, Pte. Funnell, Pte. Evers-Buckland, Dvr. Winney and Dvr. Gray. Reserves: Dvr. Gasterow, Pte. Beresford, Umpire, Mr. Bowers. Scorer, Sgt. King.

ART CARGO HELD UP.

FREIGHT CHARGES DILEMMA.

Art treasures worth several hundred thousand pounds, representing the entire contribution of a Continental country to the French Art Exhibition in London, cannot be delivered owing to the demand of a foreign shipping company for an exorbitant freight charge.

Unless other arrangements can be made, the Royal Academy will either have to pay high freightage or, as is more likely, the works of art will be left out of the exhibition.

Too Much.

Special terms for the freightage of exhibits from practically every country have been obtained so far, as it would obviously have been impossible for the exhibition organisers to pay according to the value of each package.

One of the smaller Continental countries, however, is insisting on ad valorem rates.

A reporter spoke to the only man who knows the secret of the shipment of the Louvre treasures. He is Mr. W. H. Brothers, of Messrs. Van Oppen, Ltd., shippers. He said:

"I work on the basis that a secret ceases to be a secret as soon as two people share it. I arrange for the treasures to be packed and guarded, shipped, passed through the Customs and, if I wish, I can change the route by which they come by five minutes' notice."

"A lot of authorities have to be consulted in bringing the treasures across. On the whole, however, things have arrived so far without a hitch."

NECK-AND-NECK RACE WITH POLICE.

45 M. P. H. THROUGH A LONDON STREET.

Two young joy-riders who were captured in a stolen car after a thrilling neck-and-neck race with a fast police car were sent to prison by the Marylebone magistrate on a charge of driving away the car without the authority of the owner. Joseph Alfred Parr (25), furniture porter, of Huntsworth-terrace, Marylebone, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment and Edwin Duff (25), slater, of Warwick-crescent, Paddington to three months.

The loss of a car from outside Sandringham Court, Maida Vale, was reported to the police at Paddington, and within a few minutes, as the result of a wireless message, police in a fast car were on their track.

The two cars raced along Willesden-lane, it was said, at 45 miles an hour. At length the police drew level, and as the other accelerated the two cars raced neck and neck for some distance.

At a bend in the road the police car cut in front, compelling the other to stop. Before the cars came to a standstill the driver of the pursued car jumped out and escaped. He had not been seen since. Parr and Duff were arrested.

AIRSHIP TALKS IN LONDON.

DR. ECKENER'S SCHEME.

Dr. Eckener, commander of the Graf Zeppelin, has revealed details of the service of Zeppelins which he plans to organise between England and New York.

The future of transatlantic airship development was discussed at an important conference at the Air Ministry attended by Lord Londonderry, Secretary of State for Air, and Dr. Eckener.

Colonel the Master of Semplill, Colonel A. E. Deeds (head of the civil development of airships in the United States and chairman of the International Zeppelin Transportation Company) and Mr. P. R. Keunrich (Dr. Eckener's English agent) were also present.

Following the conference it was emphasised that the discussion was entirely general, and that no detailed proposals were made by Dr. Eckener.

It is understood that although the question of Anglo-German co-operation in regard to a regular trans-Atlantic airship service was considered, this does not imply any change in the Government's airship policy.

No State Building.

During the present crisis no further airship development will be financed by the State, and Air Ministry participation in Dr. Eckener's scheme depends on the amount of financial support forthcoming from private sources.

Dr. Eckener told a reporter that if he obtains the support of the English authorities Howden and Cardington airship stations would be used as bases for the service and a fleet of Zeppelins, similar in design to the Graf Zeppelin, would be built there.

"During the past two days," he said, "I have discussed the scheme with British aviation experts and I am hopeful that I shall be able to obtain the British Government's permission."

Dr. Eckener will return to Germany immediately to draw up details of the scheme which he will later submit to the Air Ministry.

Colonel the Master of Semplill, who is interested in Dr. Eckener's scheme, said: "It is important that Great Britain should participate actively in the present negotiations."

THIRD TEST.

SOUTH AFRICA IN A BAD WAY.

The last Australian wicket fell this morning without any addition to the overnight total in the Third Test. Ironmonger was clean bowled by Quinn without opening his score.

South Africa went in a second time needing 395 runs to win and suffered the loss of Curnow early on. At lunch-time, however, they had made 66 for 1.

On the resumption, whatever hopes the tourists had of pulling off the match were dimmed by a steady fall of wickets, stumps being drawn with the total only 108 for 7.

Mitchell was caught and bowled by Grimmett after scoring 46, and Christy, another mainstay, succumbed when his total had reached 63. Taylor, with 38, was the only other batsman to achieve anything, the others finding the bowling too much for them, Ironmonger doing specially deadly work with the ball. Scores:

Australia.—1st Innings.

W. H. Ponsford, b Bell	7
D. G. Bradman, c Cameron, b Quinn	2
W. M. Woodfull, c Cameron, b Bell	7
A. J. Bell, c Bell, b Quinn	52
S. J. McCabe, c Morkel, b Bell	22
K. Hogg, c Mitchell, b Bell	58
E. L. a'Beckett, c Mitchell, b Quinn	0
W. A. Oldfield, c Vincent, b Quinn	0
C. V. Grimmett, c Morkel, b Bell	9
T. M. Wall, not out	6
H. Ironmonger, run out	12
Extras	7
Total	198

Bowling.

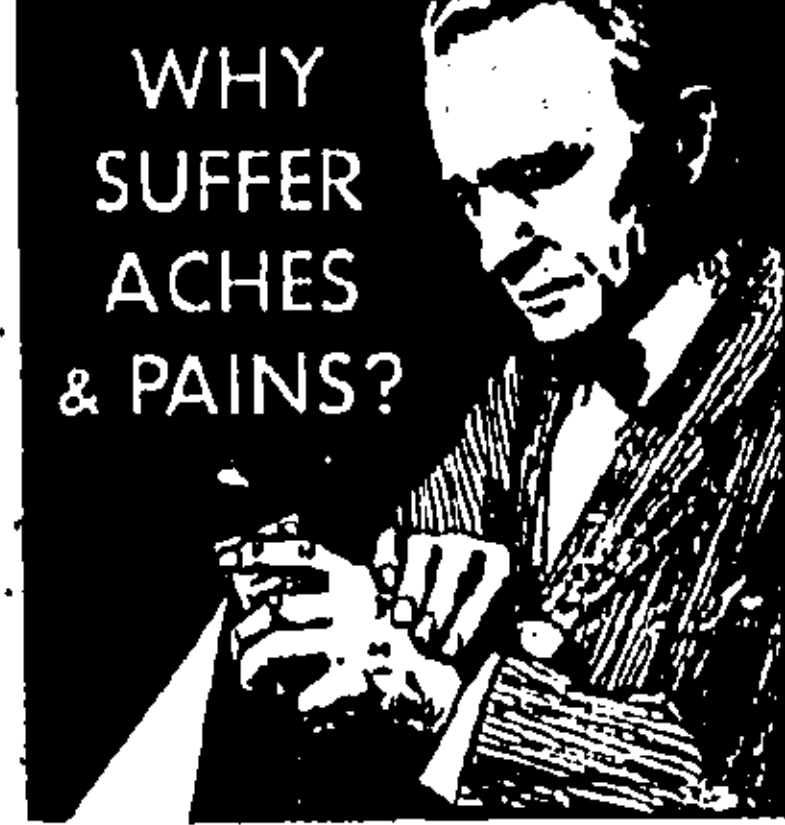
A. J. Bell took five wickets for 69 runs and N. A. Quinn four for 42.	
South Africa.—1st Innings.	
B. Mitchell, c McCabe, b Wall	17
S. H. Curnow, b Grimmett	47
J. A. J. Christy, c McCabe, b Ironmonger	16
H. W. Taylor, l.b.w., Grimmett	11
D. P. B. Morkel, l.b.w., Ironmonger	33
H. B. Cameron, st. Oldfield, b Ironmonger	30
E. C. Viljoen, c Wall, b McCabe	111
L. Vincent, c Oldfield, b Wall	16
Q. McMillan, c Oldfield, b Wall	29
N. A. Quinn, b McCabe	11
A. J. Bell, not out	10
Extras	18
Total	368

Bowling.

Wall took three wickets for 98 runs and Beckett 0 for 29, Grimmett 2 for 100, Ironmonger 3 for 72 and McCabe 2 for 41.	
Australia.—2nd Innings.	
W. M. Woodfull, c Mitchell, b McMillan	101

Total (for 7 wks.)

108



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W. H. Ponsford, c Mitchell, b Bell 34

D. G. Bradman, l.b.w., Vincent 107

A. J. Bell, c Curnow, b McMillan 67

S. J. McCabe, c Mitchell, b McMillan 71

K. Hogg, c Mitchell, b Vincent 1

W. A. Oldfield, l.b.w., McMillan 0

E. L. a'Beckett, b Vincent 4

C. V. Grimmett, not out 16

T. M. Wall, b Vincent 12

H. Ironmonger, b Quinn 0

Extras 21

Total 554

Vincent took 4 for 154, McMillan took 4 for 160, Quinn 1 for 113 and Bell 1 for 101.

South Africa.—2nd Innings.

S. H. Curnow, b Grimmett 9

B. Mitchell, c and b Grimmett 46

J. A. J. Christy, c Oldfield, b Ironmonger 63

H. W. Taylor, b Grimmett 38

D. P. B. Morkel, b Ironmonger 4

H. B. Cameron, l.b.w. Ironmonger 13

K. C. Viljoen, b Ironmonger 2

C. L. Vincent, not out 10

Q. McMillan, not out 1

Extras 12

Total (for 7 wks.) 108

—*Reuter.*

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"WAR."HOSPITALS PREPARED AND
VOLUNTEERS ENROLLED.

Bombay, Jan. 5. Rumblings of the coming civil strife are intensified by the local Congress Committee's comprehensive plans for a bitter anti-Government "war."

In anticipation of casualties, the Congress has equipped two hospitals with 450 beds and volunteer doctors and nurses.

Ten thousand volunteers are reported to have enrolled in the Congress ranks. Sixty successive "war cabinets" have been formed in order to last two months should one complete council be arrested daily.

Complete cessation of export of cotton to Japan and to Britain will also be attempted.

Undertaken by the arrest of Prasad, yesterday's Congress appointed the third president in a few days, in the person of Dr. Ansari. Meanwhile, the Government's counter-attacks continue, and reports of arrests are being received from all over India.—*Reuter.*

Home Press Comment.

London, Jan. 5. The newspapers generally agree that in the circumstances Lord Willingdon and his advisers were left with no possible alternative to the course now being taken in India.

The Times says: "There has never, of course, been anything incongruous between determined prosecution of the goal of Indian self-government and the firm repression of lawlessness by the government of today, whether composed for this purpose, as it was at one time, wholly by British administrators or as it is to-day with a large admixture of Indians, or, as the fullness of time will see it, in the hands of Indians alone. Nothing, indeed, could so surely retard that prospect as any weakness at this stage in maintaining the essentials of civilized society."

"But in the meantime, the work of the Round Table goes forward. It is not unfair to say that from first to last Gandhi made no practical contribution whatever to the work of the Round Table Conference. His attendance showed a certain courage, but his performance was final proof that nothing is to be expected from the leaders of the Congress in their present mood by way of constructive statecraft. That mood will inevitably change as time goes on, and the prestige of Britain will stand all the higher, not merely in India but in the world outside, for having exhausted every means of electing the whole gamut of Indian opinion, and for pursuing steadily thereafter the chosen course of constitutional progress in spite of every attempt to turn it into chaos."—*British Wireless.*

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLE
QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Penreath and Co.

London Terminals.
March 1932 7/- no change.
May 1932 7/2 no change.
August 1932 7/4 1/2 up 1/2.
December 1932 7/8 up 1/2.
Buyers at above prices, sellers making 1/2-1/4 more.

New York Terminals.
March 1932 1.12 up 2 pts.
May 1932 1.16 up 2 pts.
July 1932 1.20 up 1 pt.
September 1932 1.26 up 1 pt.
December 1932 no change.

New York (5/1/32).—Postponement of Paris Sugar Conference caused selling, principally from Europe.

CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE
THEATRES.

"The Lyons Mail" is one of the most celebrated dramas on the English-speaking stage. It is a notable circumstance that it should be translated into a talking picture with Sir John Martin Harvey in the leading part.

The story of "The Lyons Mail" is founded on fact. It is a drama of two men, one being an honest merchant who is condemned to death for a crime he did not commit, and the other being a villainous drunkard and the real criminal.

Actually, the innocent man was executed for the crime of which he was innocent, but in the picture, as in the play, reality is gilded with a romantic ending.

The cast supporting Sir John Martin Harvey includes Ben Webster, Norman Baring, Michael Hogan and Moore Marriott, who is the most splendidly versatile character actor in British talking pictures and is probably the most neglected.

One of the most distinguished of English actors, Sir John Martin Harvey is known throughout the world for his long record of success in the presentation of fine plays.

"The Lyons Mail," in which he makes his first appearance in talking pictures, was one of the plays in which he appeared at the Lyceum, where he worked for fourteen years, where he played in "The Lyons Mail" as the tavern boy Jolivet. Now, forty years on, he has made this play live in talking picture stage.

Ben Webster is one of the finest players on the London stage. He has played in many British films including "The Lyons Mail," "The Lyons Mail," and "The Lyons Mail."

Norman Baring made his first stage appearance in "A Kiss for Cinderella" in a part which was specially written for her by Sir James Barrie.

"Laughing Sinners."

For every hour spent before the motion picture camera, a film star must spend days of physical preparation, according to John Crawford, whose latest picture, "Laughing Sinners," will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

"It is impossible," says Miss Crawford, "to hide anything from the camera. It picks up and magnifies every trace of superficial flesh, every suggestion of weariness. Physical fitness is demanded. When I am working on a picture I find very little time for anything but work and sleep. Between productions, I try to build up stamina and energy, to be fresh for the next day. My day starts with the drinking of two glasses of warm or hot water, flavoured with lemon juice. Fifteen minutes setting-up exercises follow, sometimes varied with some kind of physical preparation, such as a glass of orange juice or sauerkraut juice, which I happen to love, coffee with no cream, but with sugar. When I am working I have fruit juice at home and a cup of coffee while making up at the studio.

"During the summer months and through the winter, I take a swim bath every day in the backyard, swimming in my tank from ten to twelve hours, reading or just dozing and dreaming in the warm sun. On Sunday, I switch this programme in the summer by going to the beach with Doug, Luncheon is always very light, usually consisting of a fruit or vegetable salad and coffee. My favourite lunch is a salad made of white chicken meat with diced raw vegetables on lettuce. I always use French dressing, never mayonnaise or whipped cream. Then comes the dancing lesson. If I am not working or otherwise busy, this serves a double purpose, providing me with exercise as well as keeping myself up on my dancing for pictures. Three times a week I have lessons in singing, French and Spanish.

"I have always felt dancing was a perfect form of exercise for a woman, a medium of movement that falls between aesthetic and acrobatic forms of dancing. Its secret is perfect coordination of the muscles. And because of its rhythm it becomes a pleasure rather than a duty.

"After such a day as I have out, tired evening dinner brings with it a healthy appetite. I eat everything, but avoid bread, butter, potatoes and desserts. The food we crave is mostly a matter of habit. I eat

plenty of vegetables and fruits and try to balance the menu so that in the course of a week I have eaten all the foods which contain the elements necessary for health."

Miss Crawford's new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starring vehicle was directed by Harry Beaumont from the Korymboson stage hit, "The Torch Song," that ran on Broadway last season. In the picture version Nell Hamilton and Clark Gable share leading man honours and the cast includes Marjorie Hamilton, Guy Kibbee, Cliff Edwards, Roscoe Karns, Gertrude Short, George Cooper, George F. Marion and Bert Woodruff.

"Mother's Millions."

Not until you see "Mother's Millions," which is playing at the Central Theatre, will you be able to know the real trials and tribulations of the rich. If you, in this time of ailing depression, feel that money is more important to you than your health, more important than the normal happiness to which we all have a right to look forward, slip into a seat in the Theatre and see the story of "Mother's Millions," the children of the richest woman in the world.

To read the newspapers, you would think that all of the sons of the wealthy come around in motor cars, wear expensive clothes, play golf all day, and gambled all night. They don't say so much about the little daughters of the rich, unless they get into a jam, but the prevailing opinion about them is that all they have to do is sit on a money bag until a Prince comes along who is acceptable to the head of the house, and then live happily ever after. Howard McKent Barnes in this story, "Mother's Millions," has written an inside story of a home of the richest woman in the world. He gives you the real low-down on why rich girls want to run away with the chauffeur and why the sons of millionaires are easy marks for the chorus girls and black-masters.

It is worth seeing, and incidentally you will have the extreme pleasure of witnessing one of the most remarkable screen successes, that of May Robson in a part which fits her like a glove. The best cast which James Flood assembled to interpret the story in talking pictures includes Jack Hall, Lawrence Gray, Francis Bernard, who plays an important role in "Sed," Edmund Breese, Lillian Harmer, Elmer Foss, Leah Winslow and William L. Thorne.

"Her Wedding Night."

"Her Wedding Night," the fast and funny Avery Hopwood, which came to the King's Theatre Thursday night, might have been written expressly for Clara Bow, for in it the red-haired star has a role that fits her personality and talents to a T. "Her Wedding Night" is pure, light-hearted fun. "Her Wedding Night" is jolly and pseudo-serious. "Her Wedding Night" tells of the adventures of a red-haired movie star on vacation in Paris and of her flight to escape her suitors. What could be more Clara Bow than that?

Clara Bow's youthful, light-hearted, love-thrilling appeal is at its best in farce comedy of this kind, into which not a moment of real serious drama enters. Clara, on her real flight to the south of France to escape her self-styled sweethearts, is mistaken for an eloping bride. Skeets Gallagher, travelling under an assumed name to help out his friend, Ralph Forbes, a popular movie writer, is mistaken for a nonpareil. Before either of them knows what is happening, they are married by an ambitious and obliging small-town mayor, and as Skeets uses his assumed name in signing the marriage register, which he mistakes for a hotel register, Clara finds herself wedded to a man—she has never met.

When Clara and Forbes meet each other as man and wife, things start to happen. Charlie Ruggles, the incomparable comedian of "Queen High" and other hits, complicates every situation, aided by a bevy of Parisian models, Rosita Moreno and Natalie Kingston. But this strange marriage, which seems headed for the Parisian divorce court introduces a Venetian honeymoon.

"Her Wedding Night" is Bow-do-Row and laugh-out-loud fun all through. Frank Tuttle, the man who made "Love Among the Millionaires" and "Sweetie" for laughs, and "Her Wedding Night" for laughs, and it has them. And Clara Bow is more slender, more beautiful, more peppy than she has ever been before.

SECRETS OF A
BLONDE SPY.GERMAN WOMAN'S
REVELATIONS.

Berlin, Dec. 12. The famous German blonde spy, Dr. Elizabeth Schrager, an all-time legendary figure in the world war, last night told the truth about herself.

It was at a meeting of the Women's Section of the German Navy League that Dr. Schrager, known as the "Fraulein Doktor" to the soldiers of four armies, broke her silence in public for the first time since the war.

Among her experiences was one in which she set up on British territory a spy organization.

"The time," she said, "has not yet come to speak openly."

Officer's Daughter.

The particulars of her career which she disclosed have hitherto been kept secret by order of the German military authorities.

She said she was the daughter of a Westphalian military officer and took her doctor's degree in 1913 in Freiburg.

Soon after the war started she obtained from the German War Office a special pass authorizing her to visit both fronts in Brussels and cut down secret telephones and engineered information out of Belgium.

Owing (she told her audience) to the arrest of a British agent who fell into a trap she set for him, the anger of the Belgians was raised against the "Blonde German Spy," and handbills were circulated threatening her with death.

Her life being in danger, she returned to Berlin, where she was made head of the espionage service which watched the movements of British troops and through many women agents in France, got early information about the plans of the British High Command.

"Fraulein Doktor" challenges the general view that the British and other Allied special service was more efficient than the German.

"Quantitatively," she said, "they beat us, but qualitatively the Germans were better."

"Transatlantic"

One of the most interesting pictures of the season is on display at the King's Theatre. It is "Transatlantic," a Fox production, which has a long list of screen favourites, headed by Edmund Lowe, in its cast.

"Transatlantic," briefly, has to do with the tangled lives of a dozen or so men and women who get out from an American port for Europe aboard a de luxe liner. Unknown to each other, the vessel slips its moorings in a tangle which takes the entire voyage across the Atlantic to unfurl. Aboard is Edmund Lowe, a high-class gambler of the Robin Hood type. We also find Lois Moran, daughter of an old German, lens grinder, played by Jean Hersholt. Then, too, is John Halliday, a wealthy banker; his wife—Myrna Loy; a Swedish dancer, Greta Nissen, and other fascinating figures.

Love befriends Miss Moran, and she immediately falls in love with the handsome, debonaire gambler. Miss Loy enlists her aid in saving her husband from Greta Nissen, and Lowe has plans of his own for taking over some of Halliday's surplus cash, with which he is fleeing from his tottering bank.

Lowe is convincing as the light-hearted and light-seeced gentleman who lives by his wits.

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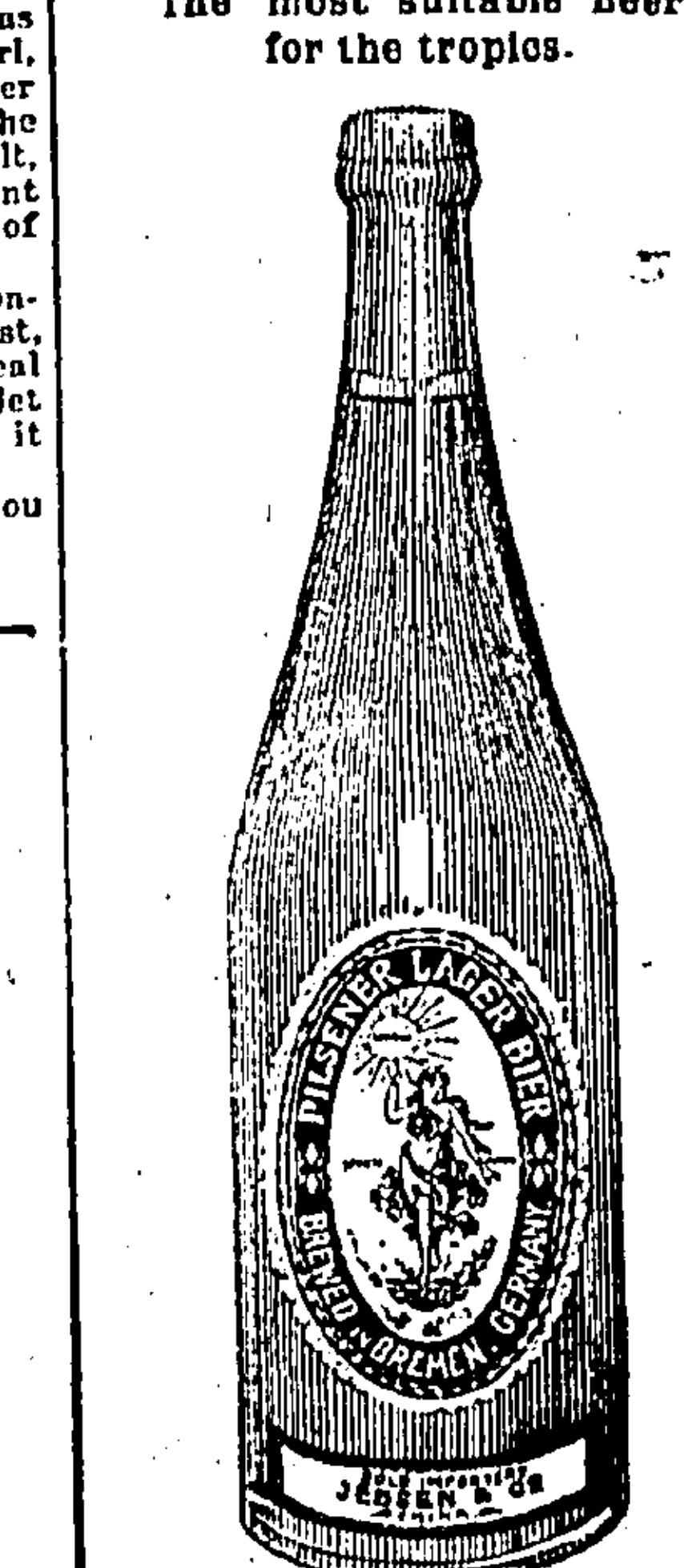
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consideration, but time will not permit.

Perhaps some will say to me, "Ah, it is all very well to talk of model farms and model farmers. With all your knowledge and skill (if you have any) you would starve in less than a year on any of the poor farms in the New Territories and on each of which a Chinese farmer manages to get a living." True enough, with all credit to the Chinese peasant, notwithstanding all the handicaps, he struggles somehow to stave off starvation from the door. Whereas, if I were to inherit a farm in the New Territories, I am afraid I would have to use my wits to swindle in Hong Kong or to spend on it very much from other sources, otherwise my farm would ruin me very quickly.

Yet, how many realize that despite all the skill and patience of the Chinese farmer, and although his plough in ordinary use (which is practically similar to the plough in use in the times of the founding of the Chow dynasty) is still the best adapted to his needs, yet we have in the New Territories a cultivated area of not more than 40,000 acres or one sixth of the area of the Territory. The greater part of it produces two crops of rice a year, and where manure is easily obtained a third crop of vegetable is grown in winter.

Value of Typhoons.

Rice is the staple food of this part of the world and yet not enough is produced to meet the supply of the population. Nature has done its part, in one respect, in giving us the summer rains, what is called the Asiatic monsoon, or more familiarly to us as the typhoon season. It is this monsoon that goes to stimulate agriculture. One authority writes: "One of the important reasons why this small corner of the world holds so many of its people is because the monsoon climate has rain at the season of greatest heat and growth, rather than in the cooler period of least growth, such as results from the winter rainfalls of California, Spain, Italy, Persia, Australia, and Chile."

The trouble with the Chinese farmer is that he does not understand soil fertility and there is no one question of greater importance to the farming industry than that of soil fertility. It is not enough to produce crops; it is necessary that their production shall result in a genuine profit. For normal growth and development, a plant must take from the soil at least ten chemical elements and the relative abundance of one element more than the others are liable to cause rapid exhaustion in the soil. I will leave you, who are interested, to read Dr. Herklot's article in the handbook on the "Hongkong soil."

China Not Self-Supporting.

Attention is repeatedly drawn to the fact, that China, whether it be South or North China, in spite of the fact that more than 80 per cent. of her population lives upon the land, is unable to make herself independent and self-sufficient. From a booklet received from Dean Groff of Lingnan University, Canton, I have come across this statement from Mr. S. H. Moh, Vice-Minister of Industry of the National Government:

"In 1929, China imported more than 10,000,000 piculs or more than 58,000,000 taels' worth of rice; more than 5,000,000 piculs, or more than 21,000,000 taels' worth of wheat; and 11,000,000 piculs or more than 62,000,000 taels' worth of flour. More than 2,000,000 piculs of cotton were also imported in that year. These figures go to show that in order to make China self-sufficient and solve the problem of food supply, improvement must be introduced."

Future of Farming.

The future of farming throughout the world will be a future of modern intensive farming, otherwise no nation can remain long entirely self-contained in so far as regards foodstuffs. "This must be accomplished," to quote Dean Groff again, "in the face of keen competition from other countries where staple crop production is organized in large units, where capital is readily available, where machine methods of production are effectively in operation, and where scientific agriculture is encouraged through large government appropriations for research."

Use of Science.

The greatest work for the promotion of agriculture in this age, therefore, is the popularizing of science. Nearly all progressive governments are working systematically to promote agricultural production. The Department of Agriculture in Washington is one of the greatest scientific institutions in the world. Before the Great War, Germany, with eighty-seven experiment stations, led the world in the

promotion of scientific agriculture.

Backward or conservative as the Egyptian peasants may be, intensive scientific study of agriculture has awakened them to the need of modernizing their methods of farming and giving ear to scientific advice. Within the last decade or two the Egyptian farmers have learnt to use chemical manures, of which over 250,000 tons are now imported annually. The Egyptian farmer, like the Chinese, has never been a good farmer of bad land, not for lack of skill or patience, as I have already intimated, but because he has not the capital with which to furnish the necessary outfit. The Egyptian Government is "fostering the growth of co-operative societies, and is establishing an Agricultural Bank, which will provide credits for stocking small farms and will enable the fellah to tackle problems which he has been unable to face."

Association's Aims.

With identically the same object in view, the New Territories Agricultural Association aims to encourage gradual reform, to lay down merely the general outline and leave the details to be filled in, during the next decade. Unless something is done to protect the farmers' interest and income, to furnish more wholesome living conditions and to provide better education, primarily to make them better farmers, no real progress can be attained in the New Territories or in the reconstructive work in China.

It is looking at improvement of agriculture in the New Territories and China from this viewpoint, the New Territories Agricultural Association has been formed about a year ago. For the invaluable service rendered in this connection, the Committee of the Association owe a deep debt of gratitude to the Hon. Mr. Shenton and Mr. C. M. Manners, and his associates of the Kowloon Residents' Association. Had it not been for their commendable efforts, the New Territories Agricultural Association would not as yet have come into existence.

To Make N.T. Self-Supporting.

The aim of the Association is to create an effective centre for the development of agriculture in the New Territories so as to make the producer and the consumer in the New Territories as self-supporting as possible. The chief object for which the Association is formed is the promotion of the science and practice of agriculture in all its branches. Among the more important educational subjects to which the Association will direct its exertions are:

1. Organizing classes in agriculture.
2. Giving grants in aid of agricultural education.
3. Conducting experiments for the purpose of promoting the application of science of agriculture.
4. Assisting farmers with the chemical examination of their soils.

The Association endeavours also to consider matters connected with the agricultural resources of the Colony, the improvement of transportation facilities, the improvement of marketing methods and the improvement of methods of irrigation, and so forth. Towards achieving these ends, the Association needs all the possible co-operation and encouragement from the District Officer and the Government in general. So far the Hongkong Government has definitely granted a subsidy of \$1,000 a year and before long more than likely this amount will be increased to \$2,000.

Gaining Support.

There is no question that the Association is gaining considerable support from the various local banks, commercial houses, institutions among Chinese and Europeans alike. Since the Association has been established, we have no fewer than eleven life members, score of committee and farmer members added to the membership roll.

There is not the slightest doubt that both the Association and the agricultural show present limitless possibilities in the development of the New Territories, and the annual show especially calls for much generous and enthusiastic support from the general public to help make it into an annual exhibition that will be a source of pride to the Colony and an annual gala day that will attract visitors from all parts of the Far East and, perhaps, beyond. This may be just an ideal, but not unrealizable.

Team Work.

Under modern conditions, it is important for us to realize that the community should become one, of each for all and all for each. Team-work, or co-operative effort, is what we need in this Colony, without which no human efforts can stand alone or prosper alone in these days.

In conclusion, let us take to heart this sound advice from an English economist: "Any unit attempting to work by itself will only obtain a minimum result; but by team

CHINESE WEDDING.

MR. CHAN LAISANG AND MISS YEUNG YIMKING.

Mr. Chan Laisang, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chan Tae-yuen, was married to Miss Yeung Yimking, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yeung Yitung, yesterday in Kowloon. The wedding ceremony was conducted entirely according to the old Chinese fashion.

After the wedding, the bride and bridegroom left for Canton to spend their honeymoon. They will later go to North China, to further their studies in English literature.

work, by utilizing, in the light of present day knowledge, all the different forms of human race, whether of brain or of muscle, we get team work which produces not a minimum but a maximum, to the great benefit of the whole community."

Finally, may I appeal to all those who are in any way interested in the development of the New Territories, to give their whole-hearted support to the Association by making a special effort to attend on the opening day of the show.

I thank you for your patient hearing.

Address of Thanks.

In expressing thanks to the speaker on behalf of the Club, the Chairman said:—If I rise to thank Mr. Bush myself and it is thought to be contrary to the principles of Rotary, it is that you may not be exposed to the danger of one whose breath has not been dealt with.—(Laughter).

I was for many years under the delusion that China was a self-supporting country but the figures of import of food-stuffs which Mr. Bush has quoted have shown me that idea is erroneous.

As one who has spent many years in India and some in Hongkong, also having visited certain parts of China, I have no hesitation in saying that the future peace of the world depends upon the agriculturalists and cultivators—like India and China—being raised to a higher scale of productivity and a higher scale of living. Already, in India, there are ominous rumblings among the agricultural population.

We are, therefore, very grateful to Mr. Bush for what he has told us today, and I am sure that I am voicing the feelings of everyone here when I tell him that the Agricultural Association and, not only that, but these hard-working doctors who make it a point to go out regularly to improve the health of those living in the New Territories, have the heartiest support of the Rotary Club.—(Applause).

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In endorsing the hope expressed by Mr. Bush, that as many of our members as can possibly arrange to do so will go to the opening of the show on Saturday, I may tell you that Mr. Bush has made it easier for us because I hold in my hand a number of complimentary tickets which will be placed aside so that anyone can take one as they go out. This means that the enthusiasts will get in for nothing.—(Laughter).

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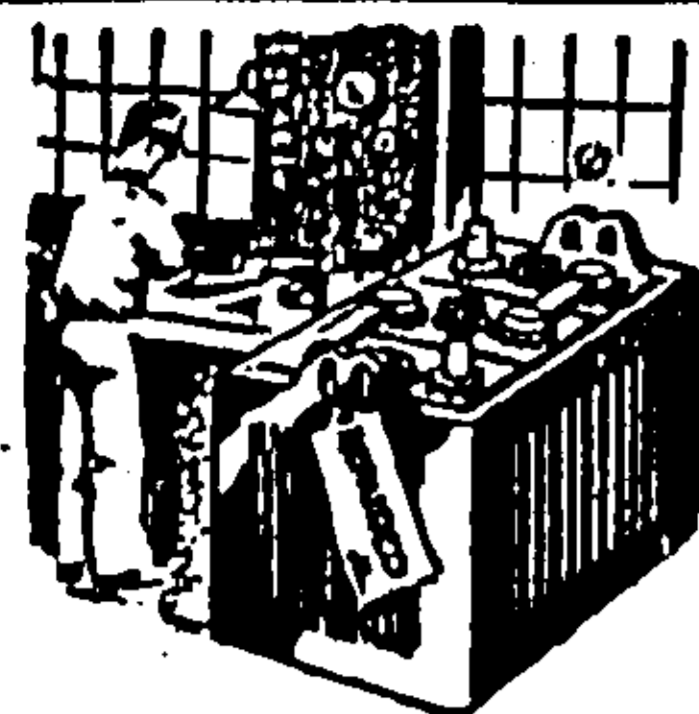
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GEMS OF PERIL.

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got now to knock sense into him with—that whisky bottle!"

She didn't want to hear him talk about it. She was more grateful than she could ever say for the surety he had just given her. It made her course clear. But personally, he had become faintly repulsive to her... that declaration of his was shocking, somehow, centred as her emotions were in Dirk, and Dirk only. Perhaps she drew away slightly; her feelings may have shown in her face.

"Listen, forget what I said a while ago, will you?" he said. "I ought not to have—but hell, you asked for it! And I know it doesn't make any difference to you."

"Oh, I'd forgotten all about it!" she assured him, surprised at his perception.

They stepped out into the lobby.

"Hungry?" he asked. "Better have a cup of coffee before you go. You look done up. Did you eat anything at Shay's?"

"Not much," she confessed and followed him, almost wobbling with faintness and weariness, to the grill, which was empty except for the couple they had seen in the elevator. Mary recognized them without more than a brief glance. The odor of the woman's oriental perfume was overpowering. The man with her was odd-looking, too—foreign, apparently. Such of their talk as drifted to her ears was in French, and his clothes sloppily worn, his hair thick and long below his large black felt hat. He wore a small waxed moustache.

Mary began to feel a peculiar uneasiness. She had been unconventional in going to that room, if anyone chose to be priggish about it. She would not have given it a second thought if it had not been for these explicable-looking people. Continentals of that type always made her rush for safety to the ideals of her Puritan ancestors.

She drank hot coffee gratefully. Bowen did not talk much.

"I was supposed to cover a Red riot in Jersey City tonight," he observed. And added, complacently, "The hell with it." After that he did not talk at all.

The couple passed out of the room just ahead of them, pausing in the doorway to kiss passionately.

"An revolver, my darling," muttered the siren, in a guttural voice with a marked accent. "Must you RO?"

"I must, sweet." He tore himself from her arms, and hurried out.

Mary and Bowen made amused grimaces at each other. In the doorway they gave an exaggerated imitation of that parting—all but the kiss. And howled with laughter.

The dandified stranger, came over his arm, small waxed moustache bristling, paced the curb impatiently as the doorman sought a cab. Mary and Bowen, waiting their turn for a taxi, watched him involuntarily. He was like something out of "La Vie Parisienne."

When the cab came up, he said loudly, "Can you take me, please, to Jupiter House, at the Point, Pleasant Hills?"

Mary clutched Bowen's arm. "I knew I'd seen him somewhere!" It's Bruce Jupiter, come home!" she cried.

(To be Continued.)

THE BOWEN ROAD ASSAULT.

ASSAILANT SENT TO PRISON.

The committal of Tseng Shing, charged with assaulting Miss E. St. Quentin, Matron of Bowen Road Military Hospital, and robbing her of a handbag, and, alternatively, with receiving the article after it was feloniously acquired, was asked for by the Police when the case came before Mr. Williams at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon but after hearing the evidence, his Worship dealt with the case summarily.

The incident occurred on December 28 at about 5 o'clock in Bowen Road. Miss St. Quentin, who had travelled up from town by tram, was returning to the Military Hospital.

She told the Court yesterday that she had been walking along for about ten minutes, carrying a parcel in either hand and also a purse, when she felt a violent push from behind. She fell into a nullah, down a distance of 10 feet, and when she looked round she caught a glimpse of a Chinese, whom she could not identify for the reason that his back was turned towards her, running down in the direction of Macdonnell Road. He was carrying her purse and for the first time she realised what had happened. The push was a very violent one to have sent her forward into the nullah.

Constable Givens Chase, P. C. Nand Singh stated he was 100 yards from the junction of Macdonnell and Kennedy Roads when he saw a Chinese man charged in the case) coming towards him. Within halting distance, the defendant called out "A Chah!" while pressing a hand over his right pocket, from which the corner of what looked like a purse was plainly visible. When witness ordered him to stop, defendant started to run. He was followed by witness down the hillside into a nullah, into which he leaped, and then ran along its course. As he came to Murray Barracks, with witness following along the bank, and blowing his whistle, defendant was intercepted by a British soldier and arrested.

Private W. Hewitt, of the South Wales Borderers, who was on duty at the south east gate of Murray Barracks gave evidence of having arrested the defendant after he had jumped into the nullah.

Charge Reduced. In his statements to the Police the defendant admitted having snatched the handbag.

At the conclusion of the evidence his Worship said that in view of the fact that the defendant was only 23 years of age he would deal with the case summarily and not commit him to the Criminal Sessions.

The defendant made no statement and was convicted of a charge of larceny from the person, the highway robbery count being reduced.

Sentence of ten months' hard labour and 48 strokes of the birch was imposed, with two months' hard labour if unfit for the birch.

HARBIN RIOT.

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killed, and 20 Russians wounded, some very seriously, during riots which broke out on Saturday and Sunday.

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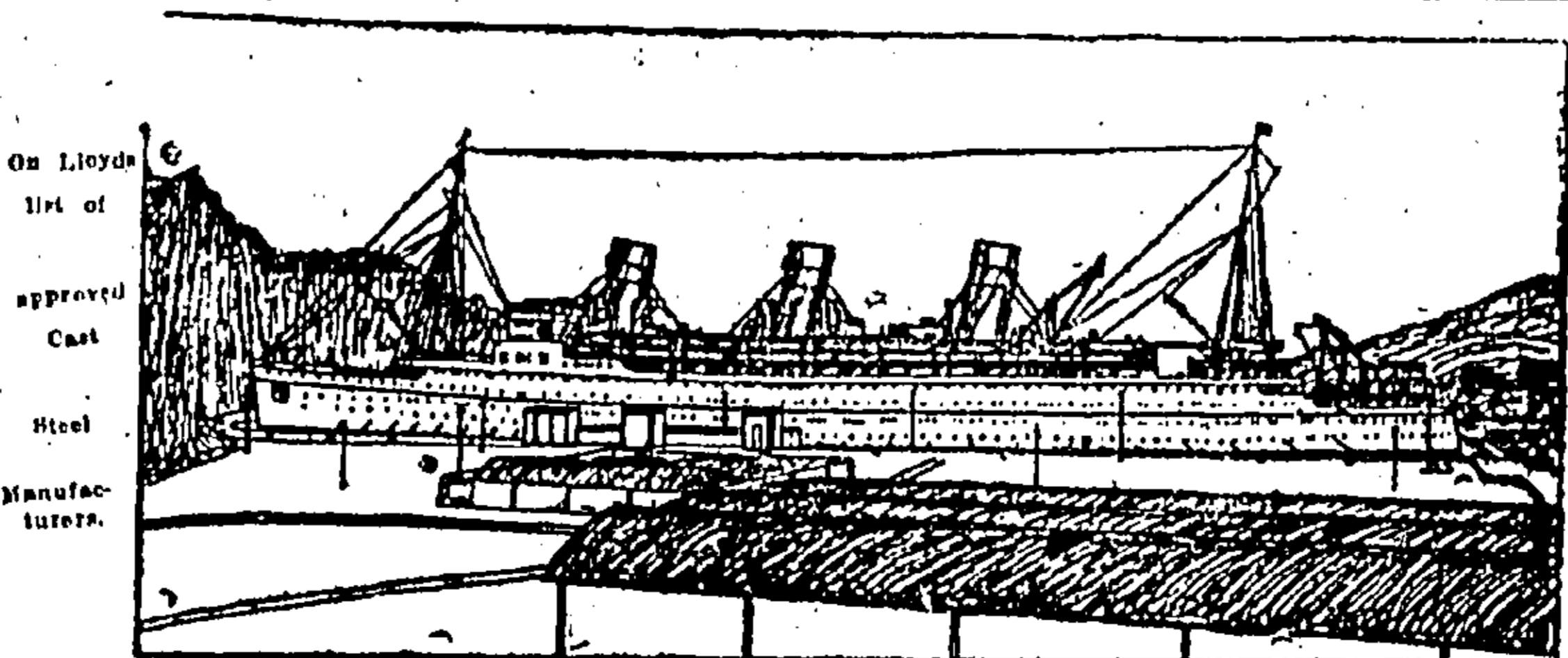
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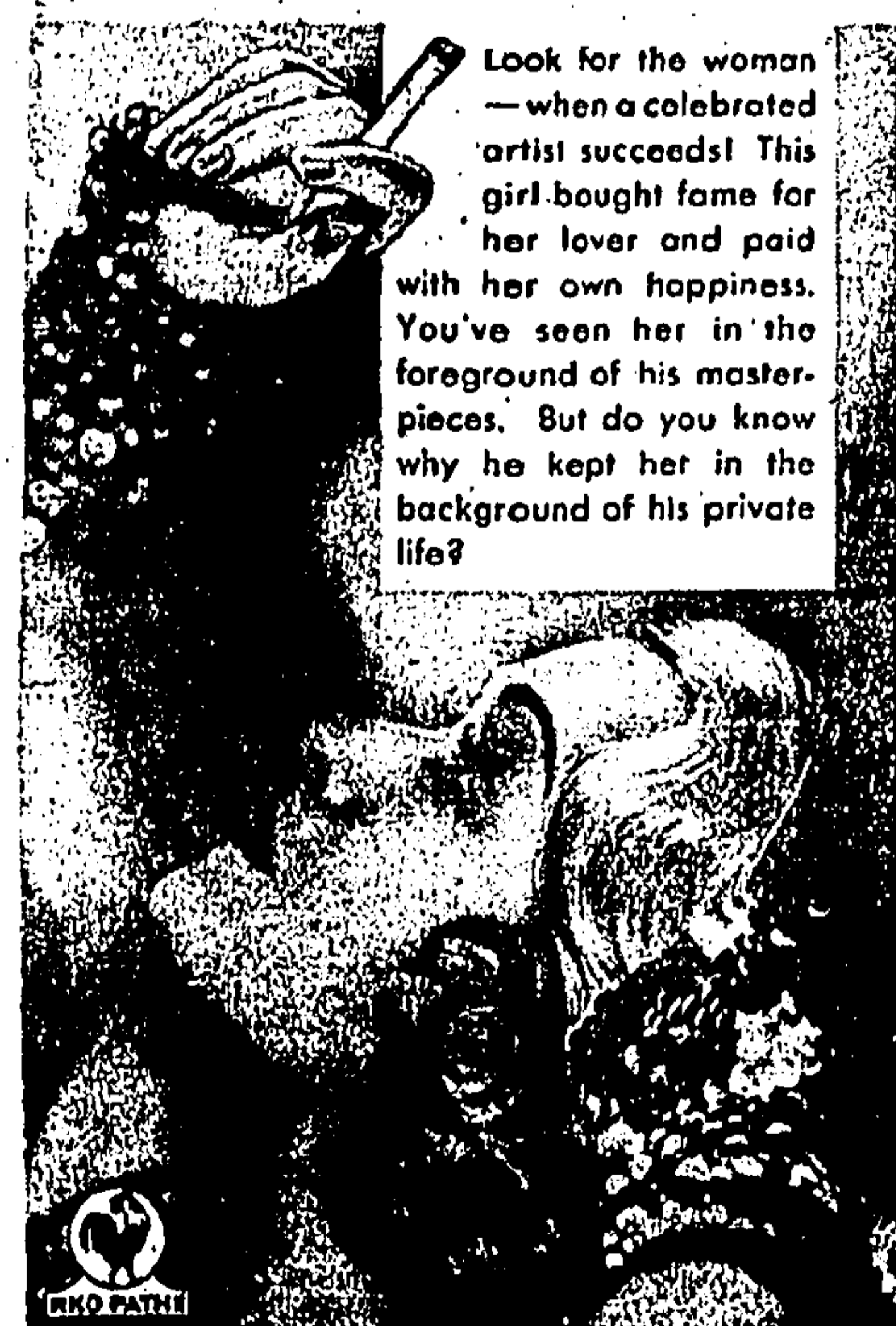
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INDEPENDENCE OF IRAK.

LEAGUE COMMISSION REPORT.

BRITAIN'S ACTION APPROVED.

London, Jan. 5. The League of Nations Secretariat published to-day the report of the Permanent Commission on Mandates concerning the British proposal to proceed with the emancipation of Irak.

After reviewing the action of the British Government and the guarantees given by the Government to assure the entry of Irak into the League, the Report sets out in detail the conditions which appear to the Commission essential for the termination of the Mandate by Great Britain.

The most important of these conditions is for the protection of the minorities and foreign nationals, as well as for the guarantee of privileges to foreigners' liberty of conscience and the maintenance of International Conventions.

Treaty of Alliance. Finally, the Report states that the Treaty of Alliance between Great Britain and Irak does not injure the independence of Irak. The Commission's Report is likely to be approved by the League Council on 25th January and the September Assembly is expected to admit Irak to the League. Britain's Mandate will automatically terminate on such admission.—British Wireless.

LONG FIRM FRAUD ALLEGED.

SIX CHINESE BEFORE COURT.

Six Chinese were charged before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning with conspiracy in connexion with an alleged "long-firm" fraud.

Detective Sergeant Meadows stated that the investigations thus far revealed Leung Him, Lam Tai and Tsui Wai-keung to be the principals in a case involving some \$3,000 worth of goods, of which \$1,000 worth had hitherto been recovered, this being in respect of two complainants.

The officer mentioned that Tsui Wai-keung was arrested, consequent on information, in the street in company with five coolies who were carrying cases of jerseys, and subsequently taken back to an address of which he was the principal tenant, where other cases of jerseys were recovered.

Bail ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 were granted to the accused, two of whom, namely Ho Kwok and Tsui Wai-keung, were represented by Mr. da Silva and Mr. B. D. Evans respectively.

LORD BEAUCHAMP IN HONGKONG.

SPENDS QUIET TIME IN COLONY.

LEAVES FOR JAVA.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Beauchamp, former Governor of New South Wales and for many years Leader of the Liberal Party in the House of Lords, has just quietly spent two days in Hongkong, arriving by the s.s. Tjinegara on Sunday and leaving by the same steamer yesterday for Java, where he will spend about three weeks. He will then proceed to Australia for the purpose of being present at the opening of Sydney's new bridge in March.

His Lordship's visit to Hongkong was quite informal, as he was travelling incognito and, for reasons of health, did not wish to attend any formal functions. During his



brief stay, he spent the greater part of his time with the well-known local artist, Kobza, and before his departure he sat for a rapid crayon sketch, of which a reproduction is given above.

In June and July, Lord Beauchamp was at the Naueheim baths for the cure, but in spite of an after-cure at Freudensdorf his health has not completely recovered. In consequence of which he was ordered a long sea voyage. He has therefore been on a trip to Japan and, as stated, is now visiting Java.

Lord Beauchamp was in Hongkong some thirty years ago, and in the course of conversation on his latest visit he stated that he was immensely struck by the great developments in the port, especially on the Kowloon side. Moreover, he very much appreciated the comforts of the Peninsula Hotel and the Hongkong Hotel, and deeply regretted that there were not more hotels as good, or nearly as good, as these in the provinces in England. Regarding world conditions, his Lordship was not very optimistic of the immediate future, believing that there are still anxious days ahead. He preferred

TROUBLE NEAR FOOCHEW.

MALCONTENTS TAKE CITY.

Foochow, Dec. 28. There has been rather serious trouble in the Changlo County for some time arising from the imposition of taxes by the Government which the people object to paying. The malcontents have organised themselves so well that they have been able to defeat the Government forces (marines) and are said to have gained control of Changlo County.

A detachment of Liu Ho-Ting's troops is being sent down the river to help in restoring order, but it is rumoured that the trouble is likely to spread to other districts, such as Futsing and Funing.

Regarding the capture of Miss Halverstadt, of the Methodist Episcopal Mission, a few days ago, it appears she had reached Kankheng safely and was on the launch travelling towards Foochow, when the launch was stopped by men on the bank of the creek (which is very narrow just there) and she and her cook were taken off. About twenty Chinese were also kidnapped. As far as I know, this is the first instance of foreigners being molested in that district, and it seems rather remarkable that they should be so daring in view of the fact that the spot mentioned is only about twenty miles from Foochow.—Our Own Correspondent.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

The session this morning opened quietly steady with rates generally unaltered.

Sales.
Banks, \$1,475.
Realities, \$12.15.
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Wharves, \$153 1/2.
Hotels (old), \$15 1/2.
Trams, \$22.30.
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Powells, \$3 1/2.
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to express no opinions on China, as such a hurried visit as he had made did not enable him to form any definite views. None the less, he expressed the hope that the country would soon be on the path to well-ordered progress.

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